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Guarded optimism in West Beirut as Habib arrives

By DAVID BERNSTEIN,
Post Middle East Reporter
and Agencies

There was guarded optimism in Beirut last night that a political solution to the crisis in Lebanon might be in sight as U.S. envoy Philip Habib arrived back in the Lebanese capital after his latest round of talks with Israeli and Arab leaders.

"There are some positive signs that a solution may be possible," Lebanese Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan told reporters after emerging from a two-hour meeting with Habib and Lebanese President Elias Sarkis. Wazzan was due to meet PLO chairman Yasser Arafat later last night.

Wazzan's cautious optimism appears to have been shared by former prime minister Sa'eb Salam, who told reporters yesterday that he had "reason to believe that Syria, Jordan and Egypt have agreed to take some of the PLO."

In a meeting with visiting U.S. Congressman in Cairo yesterday Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was quoted as indicating that Egypt might, under certain conditions, accept as many as 3,000 of the trapped PLO fighters.

Mary Rose Oakar (Democrat-Ohio), a member of the American delegation — which arrived in Cairo yesterday after visiting Damascus, Beirut and Jerusalem — told reporters after the meeting that he would be willing to accept some Palestinians — the figure 3,000 was mentioned — "on condition that some hope could be given."

Another member of the delegation, Representative Paul Mc-

Closkey (Republican-California) intervened to clarify Mubarak's position. "On the hypothetical thought," McCloskey said, "that if the Palestinians had the hope of a homeland, then he (Mubarak) thought the Palestinians could be evacuated and dispersed in various Arab countries."

"But he (Mubarak) could not consider taking (say) 3,000 Palestinians unless it was clear they had the hope, expressed by a concrete U.S. commitment, for the establishment of a homeland for them," McCloskey said.

In Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, meanwhile, the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Kuwait, Lebanon, Syria and a representative of the PLO reconvened their special Arab League Ministerial Committee on Lebanon to continue their deliberations on the crisis.

If any progress is made, the Jeddah talks could lead to a full-scale meeting of Arab League foreign ministers.

According to Christian sources in Beirut, the Lebanese delegation to the Jeddah conference will express Lebanon's desire not to extend the mandate of the all-Syrian Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) which was sent to Lebanon by the Arab League at the end of the 1975-1976 civil war.

The mandate was reported to have expired on Tuesday, but the ADF's nominal commander, Lebanese Brigadier Sami Khatib, said in a statement published by Beirut newspapers yesterday that what had expired was not the ADF's mandate but the term for renewing the ADF's \$90 million budget for the next six months.



Zaire Ambassador Mbuze N'some Lobwanabi hands his credentials to President Yitzhak Navon at yesterday's ceremony in Jerusalem. Story on page 2. (Rahamim Israeli)

McCloskey: PLO 'retracted' Arafat's signature on 242

Post Middle East Reporter
and Agencies

U.S. Congressman Paul McCloskey, who earlier this week claimed that the document signed by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in Beirut on Sunday implied recognition of Israel, yesterday accused the PLO of "retraction."

Speaking to reporters in Cairo after a meeting with President Hosni Mubarak, McCloskey is quoted as saying that he had been satisfied with the document and what Arafat said the document meant. The words were very clear: "I accept all UN resolutions relating to Palestine."

"But," he continued, "the next day, three of his spokesmen in three different parts of the world said that either he did not say that, did not intend to say that, or he did not have the power to say that."

"I consider what was said after the meeting to be a retraction of what we clearly understood and what he said at least three times in that meeting," McCloskey stated.

For all that, the California Republican continued, the document had helped. "It focused the

debate clearly on what the U.S. would require and what I don't think we should accept less than."

"If we are going to recognize and negotiate with the PLO they must accept Israel's right to exist and they must embrace (UN Security Council Resolution) 242," he concluded.

McCloskey and the five other members of the congressional delegation met with Mubarak after arriving in Cairo from Jerusalem as part of a fact-finding tour that had already taken them to Damascus and Beirut.

In Jerusalem, the Prime Minister's Office denied that Prime Minister Menachem Begin told U.S. Congressman Paul McCloskey "that Israel has the right to destroy Beirut, even though they kill 10 Lebanese and five Palestinian civilians for every Palestinian soldier."

The office was reacting to remarks made by McCloskey, a California Republican, on U.S. television on Tuesday. According to the Prime Minister's Office announcement, "The prime minister did not utter even one word of McCloskey's quotes."

Begin: Habib to bring commitment in two days

Prime Minister Menachem Begin declared yesterday that U.S. negotiator Philip Habib had undertaken to obtain "within two days" an "unequivocal commitment" by the PLO terrorists in Beirut to quit Lebanon.

Begin was reporting on his Tuesday meeting with Habib to a delegation of university professors and senior reserve officers organized in the Peace and Security movement. They had called on him at the Knesset to express their support for the government in the Peace for Galilee operation.

It was learnt in Jerusalem yesterday that Habib has so far obtained definite agreement from only two Arab countries to give a haven to PLO members now in West Beirut — Syria and Jordan.

Syria agrees to take PLO leaders and administrative officials while Jordan will take those holding Jordanian citizenship who have no criminal records in Jordan, it was learnt. Egypt is still pondering its position, while Saudi Arabia has refused outright to take anybody from the PLO.

Officer who asked to be moved is fired from army

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Aluf-Mishne Eli Geva who had asked to be relieved of his duty as a brigade commander in Lebanon because he opposed a possible attack on Beirut was discharged from the army yesterday evening.

Geva, who commanded a tank brigade up to the Beirut-Damascus road, was one of the most outstanding army officers and the IDF's youngest brigade commander.

Geva's brother, Yehonatan, said Eli had asked to participate in the fighting with his men as a regular soldier, thus making it clear he was not deserting them. But evidently the request was denied.

Geva's unprecedented request caused deep confusion among middle and senior-ranking IDF officers. It was a major topic of discussion among the troops, but soldiers were ordered not to react before the press.

Speaking in the Knesset yesterday, Prime Minister Menachem Begin recalled that for 45 minutes Geva had explained to him why he opposed entering West Beirut. Begin quoted Geva as saying he saw



children when he watched Beirut through his binoculars. According to the prime minister the conversation went on:
Begin: "Did you receive an order to kill children?"
Geva: "No."
Begin: "Then what are you complaining about?"
Reached at his home in Raanana last night, Geva said he would now look for a job but did not know what he wanted to do. He declined to answer more questions.

UN: Over 350,000 need aid in Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

UNITED NATIONS. — About 300,000 Lebanese and 83,000 Palestinians have been affected by the Lebanese war and need some kind of UN assistance, according to a UN survey mission to Lebanon which submitted a report to the UN Secretary-General on Monday.

In the report, a summary of which was published yesterday, the members of the team said that "with the exception of West Beirut and some smaller areas of the Bekaa

region, the general relief situation in terms of food and other basic necessities was no longer alarming," due to aid provided by the Lebanese government and international agencies.

With regard to Israeli aid, the report only noted that the Israel government informed the team of "its activities in providing medical care and assistance to repair the electricity and water supply systems in the south." The report also noted that the problem of shelter remained "very serious."

Beirut truce agreed; U.S.: PLO vows to go

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Special U.S. Envoy Philip Habib is expected to undertake next week yet another swing through the Middle East as part of his continuing efforts to remove the "armed" PLO presence from West Beirut, a senior state department official told congress yesterday.

Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Nicholas Velites denied that Habib was working under any deadlines. "I don't believe that the Israel government is pressing us in this respect," he said, while conceding that a speedy settlement was desirable.

Testifying for nearly three hours before the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East, Velites insisted that the PLO has already informed the government of Lebanon "in writing" that it was prepared to leave West Beirut.

He explained, however, that the PLO was pressing for assurances that it would not be vulnerable "in transit" and that the Palestinians remaining in Lebanon would not be harmed. The other major stumbling block, he said, involved finding a suitable location for what Velites said was "up to 8,000 fighters."

"I would not venture a date," he said when pressed to predict how much longer it will take Habib to wrap up the deal. He then went on to suggest that Habib would have to take "another trip around the capitals next week."

"When asked whether Israel was prepared to extend additional time to the special U.S. envoy, Velites replied: 'I think that to the extent that the Israeli government believes that real progress toward meeting our objectives is being made, Phil will have the time he needs.'"

Velites, the top state department expert on the Middle East, said that resolving the West Beirut problem was receiving "our top priority." He called it an "essential first step" in moving to resolve the broader situation in Lebanon.

He was forceful in urging everyone to cooperate with the

Habib mission. Thus, he appeared to signal America's likely opposition to the latest Franco-Egyptian effort at the UN to win security council approval for a new resolution recognizing Palestinian self-determination.

U.S. Ambassador to the UN Jeane Kirkpatrick, has been holding a continuing dialogue with her Egyptian and French counterparts in recent weeks. Unless the pending Franco-Egyptian "working paper" is significantly changed to meet U.S. policy formulations on the Palestinian question, Washington is likely to veto the resolution, U.S. officials said yesterday.

For his part, Velites expressed what he said was his "personal view" — namely that any "omnibus approach" toward resolving the entire Arab-Israeli conflict at one time was likely to fail. "I have a certain deep skepticism based on experience," he said, alluding to the Franco-Egyptian proposal.

Instead of working to pass a new security council resolution, Velites proposed that all countries devote their energies to promoting Habib's diplomatic efforts.

Still, in response to questioning, Velites quoted President Ronald Reagan as saying that "perhaps the major lesson of Lebanon is the need to move ahead on the Palestinian question."

In response to a question, Velites denied that the PLO was going to "disappear" as a military or political force in the region. Those Israeli officials who believe that to be the case, he said, were working from a "faulty data base."

"The PLO is established all over the Middle East," he said.

At the same time, he reaffirmed America's long-standing policy toward the PLO namely that it would have to accept UN security council resolutions 242 and 338 and Israel's right to exist before the U.S. would deal directly with it.

Asked why other Arab countries were so reluctant to take in the remaining PLO forces, Velites cited two reasons:

1. No one wants to "import" some 8,000 potential "internal security problems."
 2. No one wants to be vulnerable
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By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

IDF Navy and artillery units late last night pounded West Beirut and PLO units shelled the eastern sector and Jounieh as U.S. envoy Philip Habib tried to arrange a ceasefire.

Two soldiers were injured in yesterday's clashes, the IDF spokesman reported.

Beirut Radio said a ceasefire was called for 9 p.m. but was not honored, and a second was called for 10.30 p.m. However, a military source told The Jerusalem Post in Tel Aviv that no ceasefire had been called for 9 p.m. The agreement between Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Habib was to stop the shooting at 10.30, he said. Habib then travelled to Beirut to finalize the arrangement with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis.

At midnight last night the IDF spokesman said that Israeli forces and PLO forces had traded fire late into the evening, but that the ceasefire in fact had gone into effect at 10.30 p.m.

Israeli Navy gunboats shelled West Beirut's coastal quarters and heavy artillery duels raged near the airport, the radio said. The PLO fired Grad missiles, Katyusha rockets and artillery at Jounieh and East Beirut, including the Ba'abda quarter where Sarkis lives.

Israeli military sources maintained that on the whole yesterday's shooting was "intermittent."

There was only one air attack on Beirut, according to the IDF spokesman when the planes attacked a number of terrorist positions in South Beirut, Chatilla and the sports stadium area. The Associated Press said the assault was over by the time Habib helicoptered from Cyprus to Jounieh.

The artillery and navy barrages continued during much of the day, setting fires in the beleaguered city. The impression was that the shelling was not as heavy as on Tuesday.

According to the IDF's account, terrorists continued with small arms fire and artillery at Israeli positions in the airport area and in southeast Beirut. The IDF shot back at the sources of fire in Hai-Salam and Sabara, an official announcement issued at 1 p.m. said.

U.S.: Habib and Israel disagree

By BENNY MORRIS
Post Diplomatic Reporter

U.S. special Middle East envoy Philip Habib had "searching discussions" with Israel's leaders on Tuesday about the IDF easing the military pressure on West Beirut, "but we can't say there was a meeting of minds" American sources said yesterday.

With Habib's return to Beirut yesterday to resume negotiations for the peaceful withdrawal of the PLO forces from the Lebanese capital, he "will now be seeking very hard to get the ceasefire in Beirut re-established," said the sources.

This will pose a "real complication" for Habib's efforts. The American will attempt to renew the talks about the when and how of the PLO withdrawal, but his Arab interlocutors in Beirut will first want to discuss the Israeli bombings and shelling and the cut-off of water and electricity to the besieged half of the city.

The American sources rejected as "untrue" the recent hints that the U.S. favours the recent intensified IDF pressure against the PLO. "This level of shelling and bombing... is detrimental to the negotiating process," the American sources said firmly.

The sources said that the U.S. can "understand a little sporadic small arms fire" of the sort which punctuates most ceasefires. But bombing and the use of heavy artillery is bad for the talks, said the sources.

In the past, such intensification of IDF activity against West Beirut has a number of times put the talks "off track," they said.

The sources, however, said the U.S. understands full well Israel's desire not to be subjected to a war of attrition. What is needed in Beirut is a "genuine ceasefire" and these things have been "discussed endlessly" with Israel's key leaders, they said.

The American view is that "a certain sense of pressure has its utility." The U.S. believes, said the sources, that the IDF "vice around the city is plenty of pressure" by itself.

The sources added that the cut-off of water to West Beirut and the "hundreds of civilian casualties" each week are not serving to help the negotiations and are definitely damaging Israel in terms of its standing in the world.

The American sources said that there is "no question that there is still ambiguity about the PLO's

will" to withdraw from Beirut. But the U.S. assessment is that the PLO leadership — as well as relevant leaders in the Arab states — have concluded that the PLO will have to leave Beirut.

Now that he has managed to negotiate destinations for the PLO fighters, Habib in Beirut will be able to test the unequivocal nature of the PLO decision to leave, said the sources.

The sources said that Habib arrived in Jerusalem with sufficient commitments from Arab leaders to cover the PLO combatants besieged in Beirut. The sources confirmed that Jordan and Syria have agreed to take in substantial numbers of the combatants, and that Egypt has agreed to "certain things" — although the Egyptian commitment is not yet firm enough on numbers.

The U.S. hopes that the Egyptian commitment will be pinned down

during Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali's visit this week to Washington.

The sources said that Iraq may also take a few of the PLO combatants.

Sudanese readiness to take in what the Sudanese have called "disarmed refugees" is apparently unacceptable to the PLO.

The sources said that during the last three weeks of negotiations in Beirut, Habib's possibility of making progress on the how and when of the PLO withdrawal was hampered by his lack of assured destinations for the withdrawing combatants.

It emerges that the idea of a multinational force to supervise the PLO withdrawal from Beirut was first conceived to insure the PLO that their families would not be massacred by the Phalangists.

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Haifa Port	35	22-29	29
Tiberias	39	22-34	34
Nazareth	45	21-28	28
Alula	47	21-30	31
Shimon	39	20-28	28
Tel Aviv	53	22-30	30
B-G Airport	48	22-30	31
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Gaza	61	22-28	28
Beer-sheva	35	20-32	32
Eilat	27	26-38	38

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset Speaker Menachem Begin yesterday greeted Swedish parliamentarians Anita Gradin and Lilly Bergander, accompanied by their husbands.

Senator Paul Tsongas (Democrat-Massachusetts) yesterday met with Greek Orthodox Patriarch for Jerusalem Diodoros Karivalis, with the participation of Mayor Teddy Kollek.

Dr. Alexander Brenner has been appointed scientific attaché at the embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Tel Aviv.

Ne'eman names his director-general

By SARAH HONIG
 Post Political Reporter

Tehiya's new Science and Development Minister Yuval Ne'eman announced yesterday that he is appointing Tanhum Grivin as director-general of his office. Grivin has for several years been director of the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot.

Ne'eman explained that the various scientific institutes in the country will now come under his ministry's auspices. He plans to move several research installations into Judea and Samaria.

The ministry is only in a very preliminary stage of organization, with the spheres of responsibility, particular authority and number of civil servants still to be decided upon. Ne'eman said that several existing ministries have agreed to transfer some of their responsibilities to the new ministry.

Tehiya MK Hanan Porat is expected to be the head of a special advisory committee on development, which would concentrate on broadening the infrastructure for settlement and science-based industries in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. Porat cannot accept an outright executive job because of his Knesset membership.

The exact location of the new ministry's head office has not yet been decided, but Tehiya sources said that "one very interesting possibility" is the new government building complex in East Jerusalem.

Strike grounds Arkia

A strike by air crews has grounded Arkia flights, the airline announced yesterday. In order to minimize inconvenience for those who have already purchased tickets between Tel Aviv (Sde Dov) and Eilat, Arkia will run special buses between the two cities today and tomorrow.

Buses will leave from both cities at 7 and 10 a.m. and 12:30, 3:30, 5:30 and 8:30 p.m.

COLLECTION. — Southern Lebanese residents yesterday forwarded \$540,000 they had collected in their villages to Libi, the Israel Defence Fund.

HOME NEWS

Navon lauds breakthrough in restoration of Zaire ties

By JUDY SIEGEL
 Jerusalem Post Reporter

President Yitzhak Navon yesterday accepted the credentials of Zaire Ambassador, Mbuze Naime Lobwanabi, hailing the renewal of relations as a "breakthrough" that will make it easier for other black African countries to follow suit.

At a simple but impressive ceremony at Beit Hanassi, Navon greeted the 39-year-old envoy in English and French: "This is a great moment... You are a pioneer, and after a pioneer, others follow." The president also applauded the "courage and far-reaching understanding" of Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko, who decided to resume ties after Israel's withdrawal from Sinai.

Mbuze's last position was director of the prime minister's office, "a job that is very important," quipped Navon, who once held a similar post in Israel under David Ben-Gurion. The ambassador was also an adviser in Mobutu's office; in charge of his country's youth movements; minister of arts and culture; and the author of a number of books on African tradition in Zaire. He studied philosophy in Belgium, and also taught art in Kinshasa.

After a champagne toast with Navon and Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche, Mbuze noted that much had changed in Jerusalem since he spent a week here as a tourist in 1966. The embassy of Zaire will be located in Tel Aviv.

The ceremony was organized hurriedly so that Ambassador Mbuze could accompany Prime Minister Menachem Begin on his visit to Kinshasa next month.

Zaire is ready to help Israel establish peace in the Middle East, Mbuze said, and would like to make use of Israel's experience in advanced agriculture. "Zaire has great agricultural potential; we need to produce enough food to feed ourselves," he said. Zaire also seeks investments from Israel, and military counselling and advice.

Residents of Jerusalem's Mea Shearim quarter gather last night to express opposition to the Natora Karta sect, which they say has been giving their neighbourhood a bad name because of its acts of extremism. (Elihu Harari)

Students seize apartments near Temple Mount

By ISRAEL AMRANI
 Jerusalem Post Reporter

Police yesterday afternoon persuaded a group of yeshiva students to leave an Arab apartment they had occupied in the early hours of the morning near the Temple Mount in Jerusalem's Old City.

Police said two other sealed Arab homes occupied nearby would be evacuated by the students this morning. The students, some of them carrying loaded weapons, insisted that they had been given permission to move into the flats "by the proper authorities," but they would not elaborate.

One of the seized homes was sealed by security forces in October, 1972 after its two residents were convicted of terrorist activities and sentenced to terms of life imprisonment. Since then the house had been under the jurisdiction of the IDF and the Defence Ministry.

Asked last night if the ministry had approved the seizure by the students, the Defence Ministry spokesman said the issue was "strange" and "the ministry did not deal with such matters."

A similar reaction came from the Interior Ministry. No comment was available from the IDF spokesman last night, and the Jerusalem police emphatically denied that they had known of or authorized the invasion.

A reliable source in Jerusalem, however, told *The Jerusalem Post* that "it may be very possible that the invaders had permission to occupy the homes."

The invasion of the home near the Bab al-Hadid, whose eastern wall is the Temple Mount's western wall, caused much anxiety among the Moslems. Jerusalem Kadi Sheikh Sa'ad al-Din al-Alami told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that since the house overlooks the Al-Aksa mosque and the Dome of the Rock, the armed invaders had threatened the Moslem holy places and infringed on their religious freedom.

"The invaders came at 3:30 a.m. with mattresses and furniture, and broke the iron gate on the way up to the top apartment. Then they broke into the apartment and refused to leave," said Muhammad Sa'id al-Shabbli, whose family has been residing for over 200 years in the house in which the apartment is located.

At about 9 a.m., imams, on instructions of the Moslem Council, used loudspeakers to call on worshippers to gather at the Temple Mount and to shut all shops until the invaders left. Following the call, several thousands angry Arabs arrived. Consequently, Police and military police closed the area to visitors.

The approximately 20 yeshiva students in the apartment generally refused to answer questions from *The Jerusalem Post*. Some of them toted loaded Galil and M-16 assault rifles and others held pistols.

The two rooms of the apartment were filled with chairs, tables, prayer stands, beds, blankets, mattresses, sleeping bags, cooking utensils, a camping stove, food, and water jugs.

An agreement to evacuate the apartment was negotiated by Nitzav-Mishne David Chen, chief of the foreign police division which deals with church property and foreign delegations, and Rav-Pakad Menahem Shushan, commander of the Old City's Kishle police station. The agreement was reached at 3:30 p.m., but evacuation took more than an hour because Rabbi Yisrael Ariel, formerly of Yamit, insisted that "not one Arab will see Jews evacuating Jewish homes."

Although there were a few stone-throwing incidents, the Arab crowd generally kept calm while police negotiated the situation. Jerusalem police spokesman Ziv Rotem said that the other two homes, one on Al-Wad Street and the other on the Street of the Chain, would be evacuated by this morning. No one was arrested, said Rotem.



Orthodox Jews gather at the Western wall at sunset yesterday to begin the fast of Tisha Be'Av. Sitting on low benches and mats, they recited the Book of Lamentations and dirges and bemoaned the destruction of the First and Second Temples. (Rahamin Yisraeli)

Rabin: More support from administration than Congress

By WOLF BLITZER
 Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Israel enjoys more support for its Lebanon policy in the current U.S. administration than it does among members of Congress or the American public, former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin said here on Tuesday night.

Emerging from a meeting with Secretary of State George Shultz, Rabin noted that this fact represents a new twist in U.S.-Israel relations since, in the past, Jerusalem always found greater support and understanding in Capitol Hill than in the executive branch of U.S. government.

Rabin, in the U.S. to speak for Israel Bonds, also met on Tuesday with Democratic Senators Henry Jackson of Washington and John Glenn of Ohio, and with Republicans John Tower of Texas and Charles Percy of Illinois. Yesterday, he met former secretary of state Alexander Haig for breakfast together with Israeli Ambassador Moshe Arens, at the envoy's residence.

The Labour MK said he advised the senators and Shultz that any effort to link a solution of the Lebanon crisis to the broader Palestinian question would unnecessarily complicate and possibly even endanger the peace process. No one knows where such a linkage would lead, he said.

Rabin went out of his way to tell Israeli reporters that he had not criticized the Israeli government during his meetings. He said he had come to Washington to explain Israel's position in positive terms, especially in those areas where a virtually national consensus exists. He said the PLO had to be removed from Lebanon, although he acknowledged that his own highly publicized proposal to transfer them to Tripoli in northern Lebanon as a first stage had come up during some of his meetings. The Israel government opposes the idea.

The former prime minister said Shultz was one of Israel's two best friends in the cabinet of former U.S. president Richard Nixon, adding that Shultz actually translated that friendship into concrete deeds on Israel's behalf.

Asked what he thought of Shultz now, Rabin replied: "I was impressed."

Peres: Labour supports negotiations

Post Knesset Correspondent

Labour chairman Shimon Peres said yesterday that his party would give the government its full support in the effort to get the PLO out of Lebanon by political means, as long as the negotiations to that end continued.

Briefing parliamentary correspondents after he and party chairman Haim Bar-Lev met U.S. mediator Philip Habib, Peres said the IDF should stick to its present positions around West Beirut while the negotiations were on, and not move forward.

The ceasefire around Beirut must be restored, Peres said.

He warned that any attempt to amend Security Council resolution 242, as demanded by the PLO, would undermine the basis of the Middle East peace process. "The European countries talking about such an amendment are making a fatal error," he said. "They forget they have to reckon with Israel too."

Peres said the PLO was trying to pull the wool over everyone's eyes with the false pretences about changing its policy. "The PLO cannot be a negotiating partner for Israel," he said.

Sarah Honig adds: Peres yesterday rejected former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's idea of an interim solution whereby the terrorists in Beirut would be temporarily removed to the Tripoli area and to the Bekas Valley.

Peres argued that the idea is firstly not acceptable to the Lebanese themselves. They consider it absurd to be freed of the terrorist threat in Beirut merely to have that threat removed to another part of their country, he said.

Peres maintained that Israel should strive to remove all the terrorists from all of Lebanon. "This is a must if we are to embark on the next stage of the solution, in which an independent Lebanese government is set up to restore law and order to that country. But if the terrorists remain there they would exploit that country's weakness to set up their state within a state amid the anarchy."

Peres' remarks were seen as being a rebuff to Rabin, his arch-rival for leadership in the party.

Peter 'Jordache' Strauss in Israel on visit

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
 Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "As an American Jew and a person I came to Israel to show my support and intend to bring to the American public as much of my impressions here as I can," said film and TV star Peter Strauss yesterday. Known here for his role as Senator Jordache in the TV series *Rich Man Poor Man*, Strauss is in Israel as the guest of the Soldiers Welfare Association and El Al.

Strauss plans to visit wounded soldiers, troops in Lebanon, and an Air Force base. He is also scheduled to meet Prime Minister Menachem Begin tomorrow.

IDF begins to prepare for winter in Lebanon

METULLA. — IDF units in Lebanon are already preparing for winter, as unseasonably cold evenings have already been felt in the mountains. Mountain villagers have said that snow begins to fall there in December.

Yesterday, the IDF obtained 30,000 electric heaters, which will soon be brought to IDF soldiers serving in Lebanon. Engineering Corps tractors and other heavy equipment are continuing to prepare roads for the winter. Every day, tens of trucks bring gravel from quarries in northern Israel to southern Lebanon.

It was reported that in the next few days, prefabricated dwellings will be brought to IDF units.

Soldier's body returned after 17 years in Sidon

HAIFA (Item). — The remains of an Israeli soldier killed 17 years ago when he crossed into Lebanon in an attempt to attend his brother's wedding in Beirut were returned this week at the Kiryat Shaul military cemetery.

Reuven Halak was born in Beirut in 1945 to Yitzhak and Helen Halak, proprietors of a well-known clock store there. In 1962, he came to Israel with his younger brother Eddie, and they attended the Ben-Shimon Youth Village School, after being adopted by a family in Haifa.

Robi, as he came to be known, served 27 months in the IDF, but apparently grew homesick for his parents and other relatives in Lebanon, and was not allowed during his army stint to attend a family reunion organized in Cyprus. Upon hearing that his brother Yosef was to be married on March 28, 1965, he decided to try and attend.

Telling no one of his real plans, he took leave of his adopted parents, and of his aunt Fulin Hakim, who also lived in Haifa saying he would be on duty at his base for three days. The exact circumstances of his death are still unknown, though reports that an Israeli soldier had been killed after crossing into Lebanon were published in the press at the time.

Marjayoun-Rehovot football cancelled

Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT. — Flatfights broke out here last night between residents of the Sha'arayim quarter and local ultra-Orthodox Jews over the cancellation of a football match which had been scheduled for Saturday between Maccabi Sha'arayim and a team from Marjayoun, South Lebanon.

Police said no complaints had been lodged and no arrests were made.

U.S. SAYS PLO TO GO

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to accusations — already hurled by Libya and other radical Arab states — of contributing to the elimination of the PLO. Within the "political culture" of the Arab world, he said, such fears were "very important."

At the state department yesterday, spokesman Dean Fischer appealed on all sides to restore the ceasefire in Lebanon.

"It is the source of the greatest possible regret to us that many innocent people have been killed and wounded as a result of the breakdown of the ceasefire in Beirut," he said. "Ambassador Habib is currently heavily engaged in trying to restore a ceasefire which not only would spare lives and property damage but would also permit headway in the political negotiations with which he has been engaged."

"We call on all the combatants involved to reinstate the ceasefire in place. The bloodshed must stop."

Velotes made these other points during the sub-committee hearing: — Israeli allegations that Saudi Arabia had illegally smuggled U.S.-supplied weapons to the PLO in Lebanon have not been substantiated by American investigators. He said Israel had made "some information" available to the U.S., but "to the best of my knowledge" the Saudis have never violated their arms contracts.

Who was more accurate — Milson or Time magazine? Velotes was asked.

Time was "certainly more accurate," he replied. "Not because it was Time magazine, but based on my own experience."

Velotes said the U.S. does not approve of Israel's recent dismissal of West Bank mayors or other "unilateral" Israeli actions there. Such steps, he said, were "certainly not conducive with what is required to build confidence among the Palestinians so they will participate with us in the Camp David process, which is so very much in their interest."

The assistant secretary also took issue with the Israeli government's view that Camp David proposed autonomy only for the Palestinian residents of the West Bank and Gaza, but not for the territory itself. He explained that Camp David was based on Resolution 242, which has "territorial and political dimensions."

Congressman hits media distortion

By WOLF BLITZER
 Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. news media's coverage of the war in Lebanon yesterday came in for some sharp criticism from a Democratic member of the U.S. Congress who recently returned from a visit to the Middle East.

Testifying before a House foreign affairs subcommittee, Representative Charles Wilson of Texas was particularly forceful in challenging the reliability of reporters based in West Beirut, where the remaining strongholds of the PLO are located.

Wilson said that most western reporters in the PLO-controlled sector of Beirut were headquartered at the Commodore Hotel where they mingle socially "and drink" with PLO spokesmen. As a result, he said, they quickly become "pro-PLO" in their biases, ignoring facts when they do not necessarily fit in with their prejudices.

Wilson singled out television correspondents as especially "unfair" because of their determination to find "blood and guts."

"I was absolutely astonished by the universal welcome the Lebanese people gave the Israeli Army," Wilson said, insisting that this included Moslems as well as Christians.

STAR. — An English-language newspaper called *The Jerusalem Star* is due to make its debut this morning in Amman.



Reuven Halak shortly before his death. (IPPA)

He was buried in the Jewish cemetery of Sidon. His remains were disinterred last week and brought to Israel.

Halak's parents eventually moved to Israel, together with the brother he wanted to see, who lives today in Herzliya and owns a clock store in Tel Aviv. A sister who remained in Lebanon recently sent regards to her family via an IDF soldier she met there.

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Soldier jailed for refusing Lebanon duty

A conscript was yesterday jailed for 14 days, after refusing for reasons of conscience to serve in Lebanon, according to members of the anti-war group, Yesh Gvul.

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IN THE KNESSET / Aryeh Rubinstein

Coalition withdraws bill after being defeated

In spite of its reinforcement this week by Tehiya, the coalition yesterday suffered a defeat during the second reading of the bill to extend the Free Education Law for two years.

The opposition's victory was on a provision, opposed by the coalition, to earmark 20 per cent of the National Insurance Institute's receipts from the education levy to finance the various school "extras" for pupils from needy families and alternative educational activities for non-working, non-studying youth.

After its defeat, the government exercised its prerogative of withdrawing the bill before the third reading.

But since the Knesset rose for its summer recess yesterday and the authorization for the education levy expires September 30, the government has already requested the Speaker to schedule a special session on August 9, where one item on the agenda will be a newly tabled free education bill.

Shoshana Arbeli (Alignment), who defended the opposition version, said that the financing of free schooling in the 11th and 12th grades via the NII had been designed only as a temporary measure. The funds should come from the state budget, she said, as for all other free education. But in order not to leave the education ministry without funds at this late date, the Alignment would not vote against the bill, she said.

She insisted, however, that the government make good on its promise of four years ago to establish a fund for auxiliary school expenses, to help poor pupils who had previously been exempt from tuition fees anyway.

Votes on two previous paragraphs

of the bill gave the opposition victories of 40-38 and 44-40, and when it came to the vote on the "20 per cent fund," the chairman found it unnecessary to count the hands.

After the crucial vote, coalition chairman Avraham Shapira walked in, seemingly bewildered, together with his Aguda colleague, Shmuel Halpert.

Local elections every five years
The bill postponing municipal elections to October 25, 1983, which passed its preliminary reading on Monday and its first reading on Tuesday, passed its second and third readings yesterday over the opposition of the Democratic Front, Shinui, and Shulamit Aloni (Alignment-CRM).

But although the name of the bill is "Local Authorities Bill (Elections) (Temporary Provision)," the Interior Committee yesterday morning added a permanent article to the bill providing that henceforth local councils will be elected for five, instead of the present four, years.

Tawfik Toubi (Democratic Front) said that apart from the "intrinsically anti-democratic step" of postponing elections, the Interior Committee had violated the Knesset rules by inserting a "new subject" into the bill referred to it by the plenum. Hence the question of holding municipal elections had never been honoured with a first reading, he said.

A separate Ombudsman?
Israel is the only country in the world in which a single official discharges the functions of state comptroller and ombudsman, and Knesset members disagreed on Tuesday whether this arrangement should be changed.

Tamar Eshel (Alignment) and Mordechai Virshubski (Shinui)

thought yes: Avraham Katz-Oz thought no.

Eshel, who is chairman of the Knesset Committee on State Control's subcommittee on the Ombudsman, opened a debate on the ombudsman's last two annual reports. State Comptroller and Ombudsman Yitzhak Tunik was seated in the VIP gallery.

She said it was "safe to assume" that certain areas are neglected when one official wears two hats. Separating the two functions might cause some tension between the occupants of the two posts, Eshel thought, but it could also be "a fruitful encounter."

Virshubski agreed. If separating the two tasks reduced the average time it takes the Ombudsman to deal with a complaint from the present five months to three or perhaps one, the change was worth making.

But Katz-Oz, chairman of the Committee on State Control, said that separation of the two functions would be harmful to state control and to the correction of administrative shortcomings.

It was an advantage, he thought, that a single official, when exercising his control functions, also kept in mind how all this appeared to the citizenry.

Discharged soldiers
The Knesset passed into law a private member's bill by Yehuda Perah (Likud-Liberals) that aims to encourage discharged soldiers to accept jobs rather than to apply for unemployment insurance.

The bill gives them a grant equal to 50 per cent of the unemployment insurance they could have received, if they accept, within two years of their discharge, work defined in regulations as "preferred."

Unemployed persons forfeit their right to unemployment insurance if they turn down job offers in their field. The object of Perah's Law is to get ex-soldiers to accept work in agriculture, building, industry, or tourism — even if it is out of their line.

Judges Appointments
Avraham Melamed (National Religious Party) and Dov Shilansky (Likud-Herut) were yesterday elected as the Knesset's two representatives of the Judges Nominating Committee.

Melamed received 60 votes in the secret ballot, and Shilansky 57. Alignment candidates Shulamit Aloni and Aharon Nahmias received 47 votes each.

Savior's summing-up
Reviewing the first year of the Tenth Knesset, just before adjourning the House until October 18, Speaker Menahem Savidor noted that despite his many appeals to the members, their attendance both in the plenum and in committees was unsatisfactory.

With the democratic system as such under attack, Savidor said, it was incumbent on all to preserve the democracy embodied in the Knesset.

Savidor noted with pride that four new parliamentary friendship leagues had been formed in the past year — with Britain, Canada, Australia, and Norway. He also said that Israel had succeeded in getting the political committee of the Council of Europe to schedule a meeting here, despite the opposition and threats of all the Arab states.

The Speaker again expressed his condolences to the families of fallen soldiers and his wishes for a speedy recovery to the wounded.



Part of the group of 42 new immigrants from the U.S. arriving on Tuesday at Ben-Gurion Airport, where they were met by Raphael Kotlowitz (with pipe), head of the Immigration and Absorption Department of the Jewish Agency. (M. Dekel)

Kach man detained 30 days, 'planned to sabotage mosque'

By ISRAEL AMIRANI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Yoel Lerner, the Kach activist under administrative detention since Sunday, recruited three teenagers to sabotage "one of the mosques on the Temple Mount," according to the accusations against him. Jerusalem District Court President Yehuda Weiss yesterday ordered Lerner's detention for 30 days rather than the maximum three months asked by the district attorney.

Lerner was arrested on Sunday by police acting on an order signed by Defence Minister Ariel Sharon.

At yesterday's session, the third since his arrest, confidential evidence was presented behind closed doors, and neither Lerner nor his attorney Liorit Daniel were

allowed to be present.

Other evidence submitted in open court included statements by two 16-year-olds and a 15-year-old girl that Lerner had recruited to sabotage "one of the mosques." (There is only one mosque on the mount — Al-Aksa. The Dome of the Rock is a Moslem shrine but not a mosque.)

Also presented was Lerner's own confession, made to police during his interrogation.

Daniel asked the court to cancel the arrest order, arguing that, if it were possible to prosecute him on criminal charges, administrative detention was unnecessary.

Daniel said she will appeal to the Supreme Court on the grounds that Lerner should be prosecuted on ordinary criminal charges.

360 olim came in July

Three hundred and sixty new immigrants arrived in Israel during the month of July, including 90 who came from the U.S. and Argentina in the last two days, the Jewish Agency reported yesterday.

A delegation of 200 Young Leaders of the Keren Hayesod — United Israel Appeal from 28 countries will arrive in Israel tomorrow for a two-week mission, the Agency also announced. The delegation is a "Yachav" mission, which visits Israel once every three years for educational purposes.

Latin Americans plan immigration campaign

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Operation Peace for Galilee will spur immigration, said Marcos Wasserman, president of the Latin American immigrants federation, Olei, at the end of the federation's two day convention in Petah Tikva this week.

Wasserman, a lawyer who immigrated from Brazil, said that for every Israeli soldier who fell in the recent war, 200 immigrants will be brought from Latin America.

Speaking to *The Jerusalem Post* at the end of the convention, he said that despite low immigration forecasts, about 2,000 new immigrants had arrived from Latin America since last September.

Wasserman said the convention had approved a four year "minimum" plan to bring 3,000 families to Israel.

He said Olei was taking this step in order to try to break the circle of incompetence concerning immigration.

El Al Sabbath observation to begin only in September

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

El Al will stop flying on the Sabbath as of September 1, and not August 1, as originally planned, Prime Minister Menachem Begin told coalition chairman Avraham Shapira (Agudat Yisrael) yesterday. The stoppage will therefore take effect four and not three months after the original cabinet decision, he said, the delay being due to the fighting in Lebanon. An earlier stoppage would have caused harm to Israel's security, according to the premier.

Speaking to reporters, Shapira noted that the El Al stoppage was his party's only achievement during the Knesset's summer session.

Begin, who initiated the meeting with Shapira, said his commitment was in reply to a letter on the El Al issue from Shmuel Halpert (Agudat Yisrael) two weeks ago.

Meanwhile, Aguda decided not to present its amendment to the Law of Return as a private bill until the winter session after having determined that a majority could not be mobilized for it.

A large number of reluctant Liberals in the Likud, and the faction discipline against the amendment declared by the Alignment, would have assured defeat of the Aguda private bill.

Shapira told reporters that the Tehiya party has promised him its three votes on all religious issues, including the amendment to the Law of Return, when it comes up. He said he also had a promise from Begin to block a proposal by Shapira (Agudat Yisrael) for legislation providing some form of compulsory national service for women.

There was no indication yet of how El Al workers will react to the new closure threat, which had seemed to recede with the war and a high court decision requiring the Knesset Finance Committee to debate the question. Ben-Gurion Airport was shut down on Saturday, several months ago, as a warning of what could be expected, but several El Al and Airport Authority works committee leaders are now on army reserve duty.

Histadrut secretary-general Yeroham Meshel criticized the government decision, but said the labour federation will not oppose it unless jobs or salaries are affected.

A cessation of Sabbath flights would cost El Al about \$40m, a year according to a committee appointed by Transport Minister Haim Corfu. This would more than double the airlines 1981-82 deficit of \$32.6m. At present, nearly 25 per cent of El Al passengers fly on the Sabbath.

Lebanese Druse want Phalangists replaced

Jerusalem Post Reporter

JULIS, Western Galilee. — Druse leaders in Lebanon have welcomed the pledge of Prime Minister Menachem Begin to protect their rights and interests, and have asked Israel to replace the Phalangist roadblocks at the entrance to their villages with IDF soldiers, because of the enmity between the two communities.

Speaking at a press conference at his residence here after a four-day visit to Lebanon local Druse leader Sheikh Amin Tarif also said that the Lebanese Druse urged the Israel government to release all the Druse who have been arrested by military authorities on suspicion of hostile activity and to order the Phalangists to free the dozens of their sons kidnapped by their Christian rivals.

Canadian Jews act against alleged Nazi

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Canadian Jewish lawyer is to apply to be a party to the proceedings in the first attempt to extradite a Nazi war criminal from Canada to West Germany.

Irwin Cotler is to make the plea in the Ontario Supreme Court tomorrow on behalf of the Canadian Jewish Congress in the case against Helmut Rauca, who allegedly participated in the murder of Jews in Kovno, Lithuania. Cotler, who is visiting Israel, told *The Jerusalem Post* that he first heard that Rauca was living in Canada from an Israeli lawyer, Avraham Tory. Tory lived in the Kovno ghetto from 1941 until he escaped in 1944 and kept a diary of the period. According to Tory, Rauca was personally responsible

for the deaths of thousands of Jews. Rauca came to Canada in 1951 and was naturalized in 1956. He is the first Nazi war criminal to be apprehended in Canada, although in the past few years the Canadian government has acknowledged that others are living there. The extradition hearing is to open on September 20.

Kiryat Ata strikers lobby in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — About 200 striking Kiryat Ata municipal workers lobbied MKs and Interior Ministry officials in Jerusalem yesterday to protest the non-payment of their June wages.

Kollek blasts delay of local elections

Jerusalem Post Staff

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday denounced the decision to delay local elections by a year as "fundamentally undemocratic" and a product of "irrelevant political considerations."

Kollek, who said that he had wanted to face re-election, "despite the fact that Jerusalem is considered by many a bastion of the

Likud and its religious coalition partners," argued that the voters "chose us to serve for only four years." He wanted to show that the Likud can be defeated soundly by a "responsible national policy accompanied by a practical approach and the ability to get things done."

Kollek said that the principle of separation between national and local elections should be continued.

Knesset unit extends army service

Post Knesset Correspondent

The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee yesterday formally approved the extension of compulsory service for males in the IDF for an extra three months. A small number of female conscripts in special jobs will also have their terms extended.

After hearing deputy chief of staff Aluf Moshe Levi and manpower branch head Aluf Moshe Nativ, the committee was persuaded that pay for the extra time should be at the rate given to university students doing their annual reserve service, and not at the higher rate paid to regulars in the IDF.

Levi and Nativ said this pay

would amount to some 45 per cent of the average wage in the economy, approximately 156,000 monthly, once various increments for field service are included.

The two generals said that if the conscripts received the pay of regulars for their extra three months, reservists doing as much as 60 days this year would become reserve.

Both Dror Zaigerman (Likud) and Haim Bar-Lev (Alignment) asked to put a note in the record that it is unjust to allow 10,000 yeshiva students exemption from all national service while conscripts and reservists must bear a heavier burden than usual.

Lebanese travel agents plan tours to Israel

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Some 15 Lebanese travel agents are due to visit Israel soon to map out package tours for their countrymen.

The agents, who include Christians, Moslems and Palestinians, will spend three days touring the country as guests of the Tourism Ministry. They will meet with local travel agents and ministry officials during their stops in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

Following the visit, a delegation of Israeli travel agents and hoteliers are to go to Lebanon to complete the tour plans. According to ministry sources, plans for tours by Israelis to Lebanon have not yet been worked out.

Drop in complaints against police

One thousand and thirty-two public complaints against police officers were registered in the first half of 1982, a five per cent decrease from the same period last year, the Public Complaints Unit of the Israel Police reported yesterday.

During the same period, 1,102 complaints were investigated, and 227 of them were found to be wholly or partially justified. Of the total complaints investigated, 629 related to the use of force by policemen; only 75 of these were found to be justified. (Itim)

GANDHI. — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi arrived in New York on Tuesday for an 8-day visit to the U.S., her first in 11 years.

Peace Now praises ex-Aluf-Mishne Geva

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Neither a victory in West Beirut nor one against the Syrians to the east will help Israel solve its security problems; six representatives of Peace Now said yesterday in a press conference at Beit Agron.

The panel warned that if the government continues its policy in Lebanon and enters West Beirut, "hundreds of thousands" of Israelis will take to the streets to protest. Commending former Aluf-Mishne Eli Geva for asking to be transferred from his post, the group said such expressions of conscience may increase, and widen the rift in Israeli society, if the IDF enters

Beirut.

The group included Prof. Arye Dvoretzky — former president of the Israel Academy of Arts and Sciences, who lost his son in the Yom Kippur War, Prof. Galia Golan, Aluf-Mishne (res.) Mordechai Bar-On, former IDF chief education officer, and others.

Peace Now, they said, calls on the government to realize that there is no military solution to the Palestinian problem. They also call on the PLO to recognize Israel explicitly, and on Israel to recognize any representative of the Palestinians willing to recognize and negotiate with the state.

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Iran demands 'access to Jerusalem'

NICOSIA (AP). — A top Iranian official yesterday stipulated access to Jerusalem through Iraq as yet another condition for ending the 23-month-old war and warned that Iranian troops would march to Baghdad to wrest their demands from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

"We have announced what we want," Parliament Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said in an interview with Tehran Radio. "We want unconditional withdrawal, war reparations, trial of the invader which is Iraq, and those things which have been added to previous conditions — repatriation of Iraqi refugees and access to Jerusalem."

Iran launched Operation "Ramadan" on July 13, sending waves of troops across the Iraqi

border with the announced intention of toppling the Baghdad government and of marching on to liberate Jerusalem from Israeli occupation.

Rafsanjani denied Iran was seeking Algerian mediation in the Persian Gulf war because, "we do not need mediators. We said to the Algerians, after they asked to do something, if you are going to get our rights for us, then it is okay."

"In case the demands of our nation are not met, the advance of Islamic (Iranian) forces will continue inside Iraq and we will take

further steps for the fulfillment of our conditions," he added.

In a separate interview with Tehran Radio yesterday, Iranian Prime Minister Hussein Musavi warned that the defeat of Israel would start with the fall of the Iraqi regime.

In an interview with the Paris daily *Le Monde*, Saddam Hussein yesterday proposed a September truce with Iran to allow the heads of state of non-aligned nations to meet as scheduled in Baghdad. He said that rules on such truces "exist in international law for areas where international conferences are held."

Iranian artillery yesterday struck Iraq's beleaguered oil port of Basra, while the Iraqi air force bombed the port of Abadan, killing three people and wounding 24 others, communiques from the two sides said.

OAU asks Polisario to 'step aside' a while

TRIPOLI, Libya (UPI). — The Organization of African Unity yesterday asked the Polisario guerrilla front voluntarily to withdraw from the August 5 heads of state summit in an attempt to defuse a Moroccan-led boycott of the meeting.

The compromise, seen by observers as a significant diplomatic victory for Morocco and pro-Western African states over the leftist Polisario, was reached after a three-hour informal session of the OAU council of ministers.

The announcement of the compromise was made by council chairman Archie Mogwe of Botswana.

"The compromise that has been worked out here is that in the in-

terest of the unity of Africa the Sahara Arab Democratic Republic (Polisario) might withdraw from the conference and voluntarily and temporarily not attend the next session of the heads of state summit," Mogwe said.

Mogwe said the compromise which allowed the Polisario to attend the informal council of ministers meeting but not the summit was communicated to the OAU chairman, Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi and to the Polisario.

Mogwe said if the Polisario rejected the compromise there was a good chance the heads of state summit would have to be cancelled.

Earlier a Polisario delegate said a request to withdraw from the summit was "blackmail" and hinted his

government would not accept such a request.

Morocco scored a major diplomatic victory Tuesday by forcing the indefinite suspension of the formal opening of the council of ministers meeting that was to fix an agenda for the summit set for August 5, also in the Libyan capital.

At the summit, Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi is scheduled to assume the chairmanship of the 31-member OAU from Mali. Since the admittance of the Polisario as the OAU's 51st member, the organization has been plagued by walkouts and boycotts from pro-Polisario and pro-Moroccan factions, plunging the organization into the worst crisis in its 19-year history.

Japanese still seeking flood victims

TOKYO (UPI). — Emergency crews battled heat, dust and mud yesterday to search for more bodies and help southern Japan dig out from disastrous flooding and mudslides in which 307 persons are known to have died.

In Nagasaki, the centre of the disaster, the death toll reached 272. Police said 43 people were still missing.

One victim in Nagasaki called the damage "almost as bad" as that from the U.S. atomic bomb that levelled the city in 1945.

Thousands of emergency workers, hampered by thick dust and mud hardened by 31 C heat, hammered with shovels at the solid masses of earth that may now entomb the 43 persons missing in the flooding.

The flooding last Friday was triggered by torrential rains and unleashed massive mudslides that buried hundreds of dwellings.

Fencer dies

ROME (Reuters). — Soviet fencer Vladimir Smirnov, who suffered an accidental sword blow in the head during the world fencing championships in Rome nine days ago, died in hospital yesterday. Smirnov, 28, had been in a coma since the incident and never regained consciousness. Smirnov was the 1980 Olympic foil champion.

Suarez quits party he helped found

MADRID (Reuters). — Adolfo Suarez, former prime minister of Spain, said yesterday he was quitting the Union of the Democratic Centre coalition of parties which he founded in 1977 to lead the country from dictatorship to democracy.

UK marksmen join Zimbabwe search

HARARE, ZIMBABWE (UPI). — A team of five crack British Special Air Service (SAS) marksmen arrived in Zimbabwe yesterday to join the hunt for an armed gang holding six tourists, official sources said.

The kidnappers have threatened to kill the tourists if their demands for the release of political detainees loyal to sacked cabinet minister Joshua Nkomo are not met.

Military sources said the SAS team might be needed if the kidnappers are cornered in the rugged Tlooloto bush area, where the hunt has centred for the last five days.

The Zimbabwe government made no comment on the arrival of the team and British High Commission spokesmen refused to comment on how and why they were brought in.

Convicted hijack leader is unrepentant

PIETERMARITZBURG, South Africa (Reuters). — Mercenary leader Colonel Michael ("Mad Mike") Hoare yesterday told a court preparing to jail him on hijacking charges that he had done his duty and was proud of it.

Hoare and 41 of his men face the prospect of lengthy jail terms as a consequence of seizing an Air India plane to escape to South Africa after a coup attempt in the Seychelles last November.

"I did my duty as I saw it," Hoare told the packed courtroom. "I brought my men home safely and I am proud of that."

Opposition leader Frederik van

Zyl Slabbert called on the government yesterday to clear up evidence of South African Defence Force and National Intelligence Service (NIS) involvement in the abortive coup.

Commenting on the Pietermaritzburg court judgement, Slabbert said: "It is with some measure of relief that one hears that the (court) has dismissed the alleged involvement of the cabinet and the prime minister... as hearsay. But what is most disturbing is his acceptance of the fact that, at very senior levels in the civil service, there was involvement and awareness of the intended coup in the Seychelles. (Reuters, UPI)

Somalia prepares for 'holy war'

NAIROBI (UPI). — A top official of the Somali government has called on his people to prepare for a Moslem "holy war" against Ethiopia in retaliation for its invasion in the Horn of Africa.

Speaking to Somali "freedom fighters" in the Banaadir region bordering Ethiopia late Tuesday, Second Vice-President Hussein Kulmiye Afrah said Somalia should be ready to join a jihad, holy war.

Afrah, quoted by Somalia's official Radio Mogadishu monitored here, also called on Libyans to overthrow the regime of Col.

Muammar Gaddafi, an Ethiopian ally.

He warned "the tyrant Gaddafi to desist from his ill-conceived policy of anarchy and mischief-making in Africa and to end his direct interference in the Horn of Africa," the radio said.

Afrah was quoted by the radio as saying Ethiopia's invasion earlier this month had failed to achieve its objective of endangering the independence and sovereignty of Somalia.

Ethiopia has denied any involvement in incursions of guerrillas in the Ogaden Desert border region. But the Somali government of President Mohammed Siad Barre has charged that Ethiopian regulars invaded, backed by East bloc advisers.

EAST-WEST. — The archbishop of Canterbury, leader of the world's 70 million Anglican Christians, left London yesterday for ecumenical discussions with Patriarch Demetrios and other Eastern Orthodox Church leaders during a week-long visit to Turkey.



The Prince and Princess of Wales who celebrate their first wedding anniversary today are pictured with their son, Prince William, at Kensington Palace. The baby, who was born on June 21, will be christened on August 4. (UPI telephoto)

Schmidt leaves no doubts: pipeline deal a fait accompli

HAMBURG. — In outspoken defiance of American sanctions on the Soviet-European gas pipeline deal, West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said yesterday that most of the western industrialized world is now intent on completing the project, and U.S. foreign policy can no longer do anything to reverse it.

Schmidt, currently on a nine-day tour of Canada and the U.S., where he held informal talks with his old friend U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, made his comments in an interview with the West German news agency DPA.

"He (Shultz) knows that American foreign policy can no longer stop the pipeline deal," said Schmidt. "The governments in Rome, London and Paris, we in Bonn but also those in Tokyo and Ottawa think the deal expedient,

and we will carry it through," he said.

It was the clearest statement yet that West Germany will follow other European countries in defying the U.S. sanctions on the export of European goods made under American licence for use in the pipeline construction.

The pipeline row has strained U.S. relations with western Europe to the point of what French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson called "progressive divorce," with all the main allies now openly defying Reagan's sanctions.

But Schmidt played down the quarrel, calling it a "family dispute that will be forgotten by the end of the year."

In Rome, Italy's state energy corporation ENI has come out against any attempt to block progress on building the pipeline. (UPI, Reuters)

Soviet-made missile hit Red Cross ship

BONN (UPI). — A rocket that hit the bridge of the West German Red Cross ship *Flora* while the vessel was at anchor in the Lebanese port of Jounieh on Tuesday was fired by either PLO, Lebanese or Syrian forces, a Red Cross spokesman said yesterday.

A West German sailor was killed and eight people were injured in the attack.

The spokesman said the rocket was a Soviet-made "Grad," type used by PLO, Lebanese and Syrian forces. "According to our information, the rocket can have been fired only by one of these groups involved in the fighting," the spokesman added.

Two of the wounded were West Germans, one of them a nurse, and the others were Lebanese dock workers, the spokesman said. He

said the eight wounded were being treated at Jounieh Hospital and were not seriously injured.

The spokesman said the rocket struck the vessel but exploded in the water alongside. He said the rocket damaged steering and radio equipment. He said the *Flora* had sailed to Cyprus.

The West German Red Cross said it would charter a vessel to replace the *Flora*, but an international Red Cross official said in Larnaca after inspecting its damaged bridge that no other ships would be sent to Lebanon until their security was guaranteed.

In Geneva, the International Red Cross Committee appealed to the warring forces in Lebanon to respect its personnel and installations, and said it was "extremely shocked" by the "assault" on the vessel. (AP, UPI, Reuters)

Falkland reporters were obstructed

LONDON (UPI). — The commander of Britain's Falkland Islands task force deliberately tried to make British war correspondents send back false stories and constantly obstructed reporters covering the fighting. This has emerged at a government inquiry into the handling of news during the fighting.

BBC reporter Brian Hanrahan said Rear Admiral John "Sandy" Woodward wanted to release false information through the correspondents to confuse Argentina. All reporters refused to report information they knew to be false, he said.

Independent Television News reporter Michael Nicholson told the committee he had been told he was expected "to do a 1940 propaganda job" on the fighting.

The committee is expected to make new recommendations after the inquiry closes next week.

Jewish-owned store bombed in Salzburg

VIENNA (REUTERS). — A home-made bomb exploded outside a Jewish-owned shop in the Austrian town of Salzburg on Tuesday night, causing damage but no injuries, police said.

Anti-Semitic pamphlets were found near the shop, but so far nobody has claimed responsibility.

Last month, similar home-made devices exploded outside the Vienna homes of Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal and Alexander Giese, a long-standing member of the Austria-Israel Society.

The home of the Chief Rabbi of Vienna, Akkiba Eisenberg, was also the target of a bomb attack earlier this year.

INSULTING. — The Workers' Daily newspaper in Peking yesterday attacked a plea for sexual freedom in China, calling it an insult to Communism.

BEIRUT

(Continued from Page One)

According to the sources, the American proposals call for the Lebanese army, possibly assisted by the multinational contingents, to move into West Beirut after the PLO moves out.

The timing of the entry of the multinational force between the withdrawing PLO forces and the encircling IDF forces remains problematic, according to the sources.

The U.S. and Lebanon agree that the force should not enter between the hostile parties before the PLO begins to withdraw, accepting Israel's argument that once the force is installed, the PLO might change its mind.

Lebanon and the U.S. believe the multinational force should enter the area between the hostile parties once the PLO withdrawal is well under way. Israel apparently prefers that the multinational force enter the area once the PLO withdrawal is completed or on the verge of completion.

According to the sources, Israel in this scenario will have to adjust its line to accommodate the entry of the multinational force, though the proposals do not call for a substantial withdrawal of the IDF from Beirut as the PLO withdraws from the city. Israel, said the sources, has somewhat hardened its position on this need for an adjustment of lines in the past few weeks, but the U.S. is not unduly disturbed by this. The sources referred to "other subjects" in which Israeli positions have hardened, but did not go into details.

The U.S., said the sources, has not set a "time limit" to the negotiating process for the PLO withdrawal, but feels "a great sense of urgency" in this respect. It is a complex thing to put together," said the sources.

The sources said that Israel also has not set a time limit to the negotiations but said Israel is talking in weeks rather than months.

According to the sources, the U.S. believes Syria has concluded that the PLO will have to get out of Beirut along with the remaining Syrian units in the Lebanese capital.

But the withdrawal of the Syrian forces from northern Lebanon and the Bekaa Valley remains more problematic — a matter for the second stage of negotiations, which will probably be "a pretty long one," said the sources.

The sources said that it is clear that "all the Lebanese" — Christians and Moslems — want the Syrians, as well as the PLO forces and the IDF out of Lebanon.

The U.S., according to the sources, has no candidate in the forthcoming contest for the presidency in Lebanon. The U.S. is not espousing Bashir Jemayel, said the sources, while conceding that at the moment he appears to be the front-runner. President Elias Sakkis is "worn out" and it is "important to get a new president installed," said the sources.

The U.S., said the sources, is worried about the problem posed by the alleged Maronite desire to get the Palestinian refugees to evacuate Lebanon altogether. The U.S. sees no good reason for the refugees to leave Lebanon if they are unarmed and pose no threat to the Lebanese, and especially as they have nowhere to go, said the sources.

The U.S. hopes the Lebanese government will avoid recourse to expelling the Palestinian refugees. But the sources noted the continuing problem of the "10,000-15,000" PLO combatants in northern Lebanon and in the Bekaa, whose withdrawal from Lebanon would have to be part of the second stage of negotiations. A place for them to go also has eventually to be found, said the sources.

Regarding possible PLO recognition of Israel, the sources said that the U.S. has not seen any evidence that the PLO is close to doing it, and dismissed the "McCloskey caper" as "a PLO propaganda ploy."

The U.S. believes that Prime Minister Menachem Begin now "desperately" wants the Habib mission to succeed, having, together with Defence Minister Ariel Sharon, come to appreciate the great cost to Israel should Habib fail.

Sports

Good start by Shlomo

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. — Israel's tennis star Shlomo Glickstein yesterday cruised past American David Sieglar 6-3, 6-2, as he started the \$125,000 Volvo Grand Prix clay court tournament in South Orange, New Jersey. Glickstein's second round opponent is Anand Amritraj, the younger brother of world star Vijay Amritraj.

"I was nervous at the start, especially as I've not been playing well during the past few months," Glickstein said after the match. "So I couldn't get going in the beginning. I felt slow getting to his drop shots. But, after the fourth game, I don't think he made a successful drop shot. And my nerves started working better."

Glickstein found himself trailing 0-3 against Sieglar, before taking complete control. The Israeli is currently 31 in the ATP world singles rankings, while Sieglar is down in 220th place in the standings. Amritraj is just three spots ahead of Sieglar.

Glickstein is seeded third in the 32-draw, behind France's Yannick Noah and Mexican Raul Ramirez, ranked 13th and 20th respectively on the ATP computer. Cameroun born Noah recently beat Glickstein 6-4, 7-5 in a friendly international here between Israel and France. Glickstein defeated Ramirez in five sets — winning the last two 7-5 and 8-6 — in their celebrated encounter at Wimbledon two years ago. Neither Noah nor Ramirez has yet been in action in the meet.

The Israeli's triumph last year in South Orange was his second success in Grand Prix competition, having been preceded by victory in the \$50,000 Australian Hardcourt Championships in January, 1980.

Batsmen revel in sunshine

Post Sports Staff

Three double centuries — two in the same innings — marked the batsmen's enjoyment yesterday of England's remarkable sunny weather, with resultant batting wickets. For Warwickshire, against Lancashire, Humpage made 254 and Kallicharran 230 not out in a massive total of 523 for four declared. This was the West Indian's third double century this season. For Gloucester, Stovold made 212 not out in a score of 357 for four declared against Northants.

The first Test between England and Pakistan starts at Edgbaston today, with both teams possessing strong batting sides. Pakistan hope that their leg-spinner, Abdul Qadir, the surprise of the tour so far, will be their ace up the sleeve.

Sports contacts signal Sino-Soviet thaw

PEKING (Reuters). — A Chinese newspaper said yesterday that three Soviet athletes will take part in the Peking Marathon in September, the latest sign of renewed contacts between China and the Soviet Union.

The *Sports Daily* said that about 300 runners would participate compared with 75 in last year's inaugural event, which was won by Kjell Erikstahl of Sweden.

Signs of a slight thaw between Moscow and Peking have appeared recently after more than two decades of bitter enmity.

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 American League
 Toronto 3, Boston 1
 Baltimore 5, Chicago 3
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 Milwaukee 8, Texas 2
 California 9, Oakland 7, 13 ins.
 Seattle 9, Minnesota 4

Ministry of Construction and Housing Moves to Jerusalem

- Public Works Department (Maatz) Head Office — Government Buildings Department — Roads Department are moving from 3 Rehov Lincoln and 9 Rehov Lincoln, Tel Aviv to: Government Ministries Compound (Kiryat Ben-Gurion), P.O.B. 18110, Jerusalem 91180. These offices will start moving to their new premises on Sunday, August 1; the move will be completed by the end of August.
- The Public Works Department will continue to provide services in this period, but some disruption of services is likely, and we offer apologies for any inconvenience caused. The Department's new phone number is: 02-277211.
- Rural Building and New Settlements Administration The Administration is moving its Head Office from 13 Rehov Gimmel, Hakiya, Tel Aviv to: 23 Rehov Hillel (Rassco Building), Jerusalem, effective Sunday, August 8, 1982. The Administration's new phone number is: 02-240141. There will be no reception of the public at the Tel Aviv office in the period August 5-9; normal operations will recommence at the Jerusalem offices on Tuesday, August 10.
- Planning and Engineering Department The Department will move from 22 Rehov Dalet, Hakiya, Tel Aviv to new premises at: Government Ministries Compound (Kiryat Ben-Gurion), P.O.B. 18110, Jerusalem 91180. The transfer will be effected on Tuesday, August 10. The new telephone number will be: 02-277211. On the day of the transfer, the Department's offices will be closed.
- Programming Department — Town Planning Unit is moving from 22 Rehov Dalet, Hakiya, Tel Aviv to: 15 Rehov Ben-Hillel, Jerusalem. The transfer will be effected on Sunday, August 1. The new telephone number will be: 02-240941. On the day of the transfer, the offices will be closed.

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The Post's Joan Borsten examines the causes and crusades of Greek actress/politician Melina Mercouri.

Passionate leading lady



Melina Mercouri in full flight at a political rally (left); with her husband Jules Dassin... "Poor Zyl."

(Argyropoulos)

THOSE WHO bemoan Melina Mercouri's decision to abandon acting for politics should spend some time in Athens. The 60-year-old Greek superstar is still giving regular performances, but these days she's most often seen on national television and in the parliament, playing Minister of Culture and Science with the same exuberance and passion that characterized her portrayal of Ilya, the happy-go-lucky hooker of *Never on Sunday*.

A flamboyant, dramatic personality, Mercouri is apparently incapable of not putting on a show. There is little difference between her on- and off-stage behaviour, a state of affairs that first became apparent in 1967 when she was living in New York and starring in a Broadway version of *Never on Sunday*.

Three colonels staged a military coup and overthrew Greece's democratically elected government. Mercouri immediately joined the resistance, producing headlines around the world for the anti-junta forces with her emotionally charged protests, especially after she was stripped of her citizenship. She added real pizzazz to the demonstrations and press conferences organized by Greeks living in exile and once managed to upstage King Constantine while he was en route to the United Nations.

In 1974, when democracy was again restored to Greece, Mercouri became the star player for PASOK, Andreas Papandreu's anti-American socialist party, drawing crowds to rallies, even in solidly Communist districts. Though she still thought of herself primarily as an actress, Mercouri had politics in her blood — her grandfather Spiros was mayor of Athens for 30 years, and her father Stamatios was a member of parliament for most of his adult life, serving several terms as interior minister. She lost her first bid for a seat in parliament by less than a hundred votes, but got herself elected three years later, having added to the 1977 PASOK campaign what the late Joe Alex Morris Jr., *Los Angeles Times* Middle East correspondent, called "the spark of Hollywood."

"She bares her teeth and hisses as she spits out the slogans of the left. She gesticulates wildly, and throws her arms around her most youthful supporters who carry her in triumph to the speaker's platform," wrote Morris, a preview of the antics to come.

In her maiden speech as a member of parliament, Mercouri lashed out at the biased, pro-government, state-controlled television, admonishing constituents to follow her lead in not paying their electric bills, which include a monthly media tax (paradoxically, when PASOK came to power, one of the party's first acts was to fire all TV staffers who were aligned with the right and replace them not with the country's best newsmen but with impassioned leftists).

During her stint in the opposition, Mercouri regularly made headlines for the party by emotionally attacking everything from lack of women's bathrooms in parliament and a dress code which prohibited women members of parliament from wearing slacks, to the government's "misguided" pro-NATO, pro-Western policies.

So often was the television staff tempted to photograph the glamorous, Paris-dressed zealot, right arm always raised militantly above her head, that those in power reportedly ordered a media ban on the actress-turned-politician.

FOR THE PAST seven months, PASOK has been the government and Mercouri its minister of culture and sciences, a post which in previous administrations was almost invisible. Not surprisingly, Mercouri has changed all that. As much as the premier, president and foreign minister, Greece's First Lady of Culture is in the limelight.

"She's busier than ever before," reported her husband, Jules Dassin, the American-born director who has been Mercouri's constant companion and partner for the past 28 years. Several months ago, Dassin made a television documentary about his wife the politician, reportedly because the project

guaranteed them some time together.

Indeed, during a recent week, the notoriously disorganized Mercouri was too occupied to keep even one of several scheduled rendezvous with this journalist. She was trying to survive the cabinet reshuffle which saw many of her colleagues ousted, and had just successfully organized a concert in the local sports stadium which was intended to raise money for, and demonstrate solidarity with, the "thousands" of Palestinian children the Greek media insisted have been maimed and left homeless by the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

MERCOURI LOVES CAUSES. She was at her most eloquent four years ago when articulating the party line which had Greece closing up U.S. military bases, withdrawing from the European Community, withdrawing from NATO's military command and establishing diplomatic ties with the PLO.

To the distress of many PASOK stalwarts like Mercouri, the prime minister has reneged on all but his pro-Arab stance, leaving her only the Palestinians to champion. And this she has done with gusto, drawing the national and international publicity necessary to demonstrate to the Arab world just where Greece's sympathies lie.

Eighty thousand Greeks attended the concert, drawn by the black-and-white posters which were plastered across Athens, of Yasser Arafat holding an infant victim of "Israeli aggression."

MERCOURI'S PRO-PLO activities are reportedly one aspect of her political life Dassin does not help plan, for despite his left-wing sympathies which forced him to flee Hollywood during the McCarthy era, the filmmaker is a Jew with strong feelings about Israel's right to exist.

"Dassin was conspicuously absent from the official reception given for Arafat by the Greek government last January," said a local journalist. "I remember Melina making a dramatic entrance into the room, walking through the crowd of a thousand people to greet the PLO leader, and everyone asking, 'But where is Zyl?' (as the Greeks pronounce Jules). And when she paraded around the stadium the other night with the PLO's diplomatic representative, everyone said, 'Poor Zyl.'"

Dassin says that as a guest in Greece — he still holds a U.S. passport — he does not feel justified in commenting on the official policies of the government, of which his wife is a member. He admits, however, that he found the Israeli operation in Lebanon "very confusing."

At one time, Dassin, the son of

Russian Jews and a product of the Yiddish Theatre, wielded considerable influence over his wife who tends to listen to most people with only half an ear. He infuriated her in 1967 when, though she needed his help in organizing Greek resistance to the junta, he flew to Israel to make a film about the aftermath of the Six Day War. But she forgave him, saying that if she were a Jew, she would live in Israel. She visited the country in 1969.

Scattered around the couple's three-floor apartment in the posh Koloniki district of Athens are pieces of pottery from Old Jerusalem, souvenirs of that trip. In the small library are many books on the Middle East. And in a scrapbook is a photograph of Assi Dayan, who acted with Mercouri in Dassin's film version of the very Jewish *Promise at Dawn*.

MERCOURI'S SYMPATHIES have changed considerably since 1970, when she told reporters she acted in *Promise at Dawn* because she wanted "to do something for the Jews." Some speculate it is because critics often refer to her as "the wife of that Jew," and others because she believes in party discipline.

Mercouri's credentials as a Middle East expert are questionable — just four years ago, all the while claiming to read five newspapers a day, the lady asked why Israelis living abroad didn't organize a resistance aimed at overthrowing the Begin government. It was irrelevant, apparently, that unlike the Greek colonels the prime minister had been democratically elected.

The Palestinian concert, according to local journalists, was probably the most successful and — given the Greek public's current anti-Israel mood — least controversial activity undertaken this year by the minister of culture.

Mercouri's tenure in office began with a scandal. After years of attacking the former government's penchant for patronage, she herself appointed a theatre director to head the ministry's cinema department. As the opposition suggested in a fiery parliamentary debate, Yannis Mourtis knew little or nothing about film, but he was a long-standing member of PASOK and an unsuccessful candidate in the last election.

Mercouri eventually replaced him with a *bona fide* film director — who has impeccable left-wing credentials.

Manos Zacharias studied in Moscow and directed several Soviet features before returning to Greece last year.

AFTER MERCOURI "politicized" her ministry, and PASOK "depoliticized" the state-controlled television, famed bouzouki song

writer Mikis Theodorakis rocketed Mercouri into the headlines and gossip columns by complaining publicly that he was not being permitted to give concerts. He wondered aloud if the socialist minister of culture objected to his position as a deputy in the Communist Party, or maybe to the political nature of his songs?

Then followed the antiquities fiasco.

Describing her mission as being "to enliven Greek culture," Mercouri emotionally demanded that other European governments return artistic treasures removed from Greece in the 19th century, or at least return temporarily outstanding pieces now held abroad.

At a well-attended press conference, she rather hysterically denounced — and antagonized — the British by describing as "vandalism and barbarism" a decision almost one hundred years ago to remove to London some of the finest sculptures then found at the Acropolis.

The British retorted that the action of their ambassador Lord Elgin, taken when Turkey occupied Greece, had in fact saved what became known as the "Elgin Marbles" from irreversible damage. Furthermore, they pointed out, Athens was hardly the place for such valuable statues which are currently housed in the British Museum. The city's polluted air was already seriously endangering the future of its antiquities.

"Provocative," raged Mercouri, adding that PASOK's campaign promises included freeing the Greek capital of smog.

Mercouri also lost her battle with the French, though she heaped less verbal venom on the government of fellow socialist Francois Mitterrand. The Venus de Milo, she was told, could not be "temporarily" loaned to the Greeks. Not only was the sculpture "too fragile" to be transported anywhere, but Greek nationalism had to be taken into account. Once on exhibit in Athens, the French said, it was doubtful whether the antiquity would be permitted to return to its permanent home at the Louvre.

"We haven't heard anything more from Mercouri on that subject," said a journalist, "or on her other short-lived tangle with archeology. For a while she was threatening to curb the activities of 11 foreign schools located in Greece, activities which as a member of the opposition she labeled 'cultural imperialism.'"

MORE RECENTLY, Mercouri co-hosted with her French counterpart, Jacques Lang, a "Mediterranean Forever and Today Conference," generally regarded by locals as "much ado about nothing."

Fifty artists, writers, intellectuals and politicians, representing 10 Mediterranean countries and Portugal, congregated on the island of Hydra to dance the syrtaki, "promote cultural unity and pave the way for overall cooperation." The conference itself, reportedly organized by Dassin, went well, but its actual purpose baffled most observers.

Mercouri's performance as minister of culture has not won rave reviews from the Greeks in general and the country's small community of quality film-makers in particular. The film-makers are quick to point out that without a tightly written script to follow and a stern director to guide her, the actress — never good at improvisation — simply flounders.

Behind the dazzling histrionics, they fear, is a cornucopia of good intentions which she is incapable of organizing into anything tangible. This has embittered members of the cinema industry, who, more even than Mercouri's constituents in Piraeus, believe their fate is tied to hers, an actress who understands how difficult it is for a serious filmmaker to work in Greece today.

The Greek Cinema Centre seems confident that Mercouri will indeed succeed in passing through parliament a new bill slated to channel several million dollars a year into film production. The country's top directors all highly politicized, all far to the left of PASOK, are sceptical.

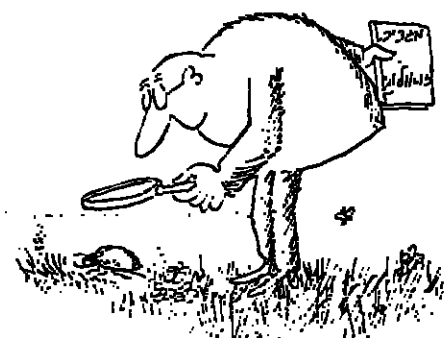
"Even if the money comes through," said one, "the lady is so fickle that the first to get will undoubtedly be party stalwarts or those with scripts that follow the PASOK line."

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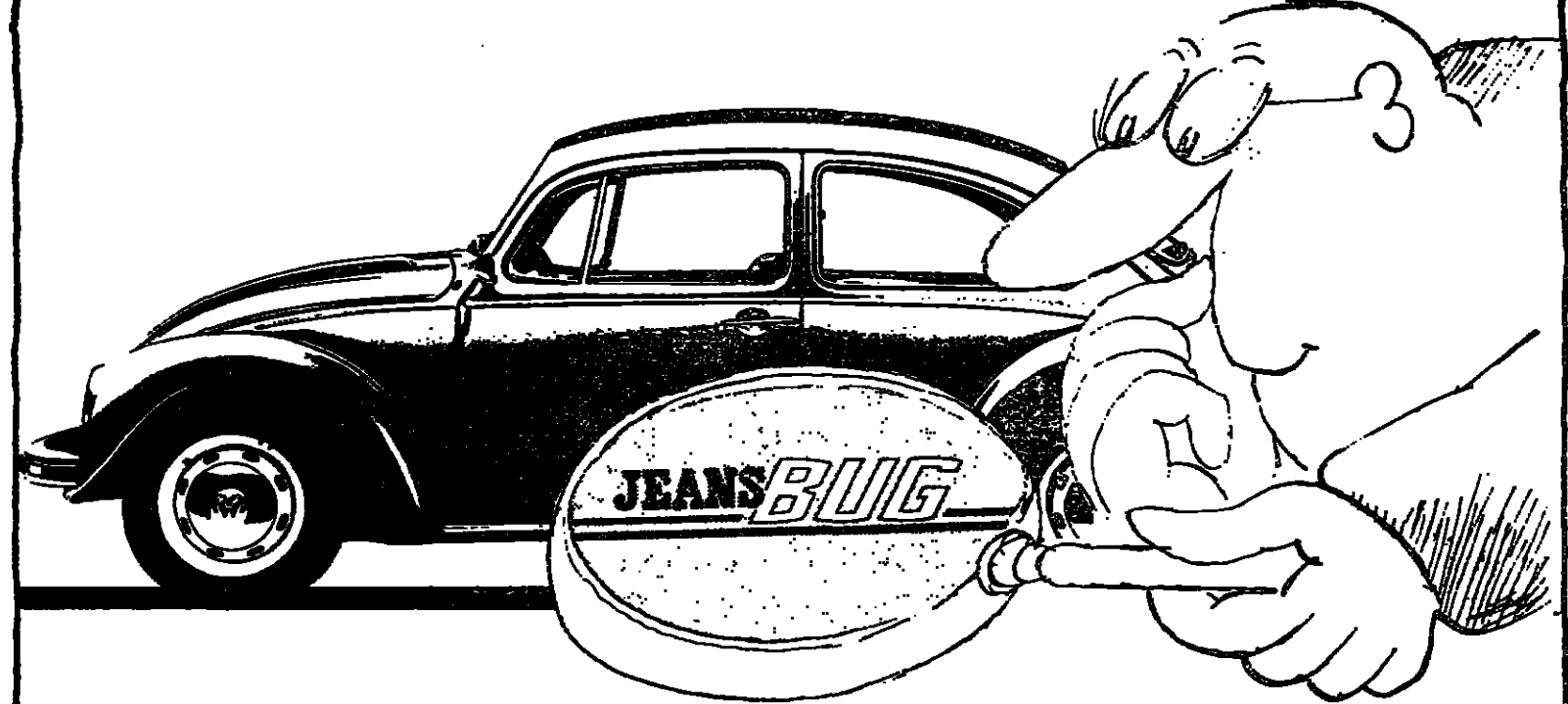
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Studying ties

By LEON HADAR
Post New York Correspondent

developing between the two communities.

In contrast to Israeli expectations, American Jews are not leaving for Israel. "They believe that their future is here," Gold said. "Whitman speaks to them as much, if not more, than Bialik."

"ISRAELIS ARE redefining their identity as Israeli nationals, while American Jews identify more as Jews in the religious sense," he continued. "Also, the character of Israel is changing 'from a Western society into a Middle Eastern one, due to less Jewish immigration to Israel, increased emigration from Israel and the high birthrate of Oriental Jews.'"

To improve communication between American Jews and Israelis, the institute will supply Israel with information about American Jews and will attempt to identify future leaders in Israel and make contact between them and their American Jewish counterparts.

"THE VIRTUAL isolation of Israel in the international community, its almost total dependence on the U.S. for its security and its economic viability, especially when the relationship between Jerusalem and Washington is also changing, places a heavy responsibility on the American Jewish community," said Gold.

"While most American Jews see themselves as closely linked to Israel by a profound belief in a common destiny, and while most Israelis recognize the importance of American Jewish support — as well as the potential for joint action on issues of common concern, nevertheless differing perspectives on both sides frequently impede communication and limit the possibility for constructive cooperation."

NEW YORK — Bertram Gold, outgoing executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee (AJC), does not agree with Prime Minister Menachem Begin's assumption that the American Jewish Community has never been so united behind Israel as after the incursion into Lebanon. He attributes this mistaken idea, shared by some other Israelis, to the lack of communication between American Jews and Israel.

The new Institute on American Jewish Relations, which will be directed by Gold after his retirement from the AJC, will attempt to develop mechanisms to improve communication between the world's two major Jewish centres.

He believes that the relationships between the two centres are going through major changes. The institute will study the changing nature of relationships between American Jews and Israel.

As an initial project, Professor Steven Cohen will study the perceptions Israelis and American Jews have of one another. The question is, what will my grandchildren have in common with their Israeli counterparts," said Gold. There are indications that a gap is

Kupat Holim approves 1983 budget of IS19,620 million

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Kupat Holim Klalit (owned by the Histadrut) will spend an average of IS6,390 on each of its members during the 1982/83 fiscal year, according to the budget recently approved. The budget itself comes to IS19,620 million. The sick fund has 3,070,000 members.

The biggest chunk of the IS19,620m, a full 39 per cent, will go for salaries. However, manpower will fall slightly in 1982/83, and will stand at 22,273 persons, compared to 22,378 in the previous year. (Although most other items will rise, administrative expenses will fall slightly.)

The next largest expenditure, 38 per cent, will go for medical treatment, with the largest part of this going for hospitalization. Kupat Holim figures it will cost IS2,990 a day to hospitalize a patient in one of

its own hospitals; IS2,915 in "other" (government, private, and public) hospitals.

Medicaments will account for nine per cent; maintenance of buildings and equipment will account for six per cent, paying interest on loans or retiring them will take four per cent, and administrative expenses only two per cent. Miscellaneous items will account for the rest.

The government will provide only nine per cent of the budget. (In former years it provided more than three times as much.) Kupat Holim will raise most of its income from member's fees, the parallel tax, and charges for services.

Kupat Holim says it encompasses 82 per cent of all Israelis. The number of members who are 65 years or more is 10.3 per cent. However, the fund's "elderly" population in Tel Aviv reaches 21.8 per cent.

Recession hits profits of world's major oil companies

NEW YORK (Reuters). — Sharply lower profits are being reported by major oil companies hit by the world recession. The companies, including Exxon Corp., the world's biggest, chiefly blame slack "downstream" demand for refined products like petrol, heating and furnace oil.

Exxon last Thursday reported a 51.5 per cent drop in second-quarter net income, from 1,825 million in 1981 to \$88m this year. Mobil Corp., the second-ranked

U.S. oil company, followed this week, reporting a 56 per cent second-quarter drop — \$310m. of net income for the April-June period this year against \$700m. in the same period last year.

Gulf Oil Corp. announced a 32 per cent drop in second-quarter earnings and a cut in 1982 capital spending.

It said profits fell to \$210m. from \$311m. in the 1981 second quarter. The firm blamed excess refining and marketing capacity worldwide for holding prices on petroleum products and chemicals below operating costs.

Gulf's 1982 capital spending on sectors that include oil exploration will be cut by about \$650m.

It would still invest roughly \$4 billion, a sum that illustrates the sheer scale of the major oil companies' operations. But this will be down about \$300 m. on capital outlay last year.

Shell Oil Company, which is 69.5 per cent owned by the Royal Dutch/Shell group, came in with only a 7 per cent decline in second-quarter earnings. It is a major producer of U.S. crude oil, particularly from Alaska, but crude prices have slipped a dollar or so, accounting for the decline in its earnings.

They have not, however, slipped far enough for such international giants as Exxon and Mobil, which buy huge volumes from Saudi Arabia, officially at a price of \$34 a barrel.

They are being squeezed between the high cost of crude pumped into their recession-hit market.

According to the *Middle East Economic Survey* (MEES), a Nicosia-based trade newsletter, some Saudi buyers want the kingdom to lower prices, which might provoke a general decline in the cost of crude oil from OPEC.

EXPORT SPUR. — The House of Representatives passed legislation aimed at encouraging the formation of export trading companies and associations to sell U.S. products and services abroad.

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU, TEL AVIV. — The market yesterday closed out the week's activities on a mixed note prior to the Tisha Be'Av fast today when it remains closed. Winners and losers were balanced, as 27 issues advanced by 5% or better, while 24 were down by 5% or more.

Turnovers slipped to under the IS300m. level.

The index-linked bond market performed in its predictable

Pre-fast market evenly balanced

fashion, as gains of 0.5% were visible throughout the various groups. Trading was just under IS300m.

The shekel was devalued by five agorot against the dollar. The dollar, for its part, continued to be very strong against the European currencies in overseas trading.

Commercial banks enjoyed a fine session. The Danot shares, in the

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

wake of a fine FIBI financial report, advanced by 4.5%. Fibi was 5.1% better.

Insurance equities were thoroughly mixed, with gains and

losses of under 5%.

In the services sector Lighterage 0.5 sparked as it surged ahead by 10%.

Land development and real estate stocks trended to the upside. The Rasco shares stole the spotlight as both the ordinary and the preferred came through with full 10% advances.

Industrials maintained their volatile posture without indicating any discernible trend. Alkol was up by 9.9%. Zikil 1.0 was 10% higher. Recent newcomer King continued to make headway. The 1.0 shares were "buyers only" while the 5.0 shares zipped ahead by 15%. Man 5.0 was among the few losers as it backtracked by 10%.

Investment company issues were also mixed. Wolfson 0.1 was 6% lower. Pirony eased by 2.8%.

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
IS1,000			
Commercial Banks & Banking			
IDB prf	29200	+200	+0.7
IDB r	2554	+10	+0.4
IDB prf A	2554	+10	+0.4
IDB prf B	7880	+80	+1.0
IDB prf C	6440	+40	+0.6
IDB prf D	3650	+30	+0.8
IDB prf E	3780	+20	+0.5
Union r	1685	+15	+0.9
Union prf	3880	+20	+0.5
Union prf A	2470	+30	+1.2
Discount A	3075	+2	+0.1
Discount B	3075	+2	+0.1
Discount C	4050	+15	+0.4

Mizrahi r	1112	+5	+0.5
Mizrahi prf	7300	+40	+0.5
Mizrahi prf A	1590	n.c.	n.c.
Mizrahi prf B	3680	+100	+2.8
Mizrahi prf C	3100	+50	+1.6
Mizrahi prf D	1590	n.c.	n.c.
Martime 0.1 r	2500	+25	+1.0
Martime 0.5 r	1822	+24	+1.3
Martime 1.0 r	1688	+12	+0.7
Hapolim prf A	3120	+200	+6.4
Hapolim prf B	2082	+15	+0.7
Hapolim prf C	14500	n.c.	n.c.
Hapolim prf D	12150	n.c.	n.c.
Hapolim prf E	7050	+100	+1.4
Hapolim prf F	3050	n.c.	n.c.
Hapolim prf G	3190	n.c.	n.c.
Hapolim prf H	3190	n.c.	n.c.

General A	3420	+15	+0.4
General B	9380	+25	+0.3
General C	4181	+149	+3.6
General D	1038	+20	+2.0
Leumi	1593	+8	+0.5
Leumi prf	8050	+55	+0.7
Leumi prf A	2220	+10	+0.4
Leumi prf B	1720	n.c.	n.c.
Leumi prf C	314	+2	+0.6
Leumi prf D	1720	n.c.	n.c.
Leumi prf E	857	+37	+4.3
Leumi prf F	430	+18	+4.2
Leumi prf G	396	+1	+0.3
Leumi prf H	185.0	+0.0	+0.0
Leumi prf I	5984	+544	+9.1
Leumi prf J	1049	+51	+5.0

ADIF	621.46	608.23
ADIF	363.20	356.08
ALMOG	205.21	201.16
ALON	1461.28(1)	1431.80(1)
ARMON	430.71(1)	422.20(1)
AVIV	753.00	745.48
AVUKA	312.64	308.58
BARAK	302.51	298.43
BARKEET	197.56	193.59
BODLACE	889.74	872.23
BROSH	403.19	395.29
CALANIT	1453.13	1426.51
CASPI	182.30	180.89
DALIA	1794.58	1759.24
DEKEL	398.70	390.87
DOLIV	351.22	344.05
DOVEDEVAN	106.48	105.48
EGOT	398.55	390.62
EITAN	272.77	267.40
EREZ	196.01	192.15
ESHEL	397.77(1)	389.88(1)
ETROG	283.23	280.44
GALT	192.17	188.83
GAVISH	1645.85	1612.29
GIL	1438.13	1410.77
GOREN	578.96	565.80
GUY	104.57	103.06
HADAS	849.49	832.63
HALAMISH	201.95	197.99
IDIT	574.44	563.19
INBAR	1310.52	1283.35
KELA	566.48	553.71
KOCHAV	302.99	298.49
LAHAT	3518.65	3449.32
LAMASHKIA	1587.00	1555.60
LAPID	118.30	115.98
LESFEM	174.23	170.81
MAGAL	154.74	151.69
MAOF	497.32	490.17
MARGALIT	1493.85	1464.39
MARON	1200.20	1176.60
MATAH	373.80	367.53
MA'AVAN	263.47	258.27
MEDVAD	594.76	583.04
MIGVAN	314.00	312.43
MIZRAH	166.99	164.71
MIVRAH	1276.90	1251.60
MIVTAN	242.33	240.52
MORAN	417.15	413.08
NATIF	240.77	235.95
NOGA	311.52	306.99
ODEM	1924.96	1886.75
OPHIR	1311.50	1285.64
OREN	2142.83	2106.61
ORION	396.52(1)	390.54(1)
OR-LI	221.72	218.99
PIA	1011.64	991.02
RAKAPET	1246.94	1222.38
RESHEF	184.83	180.84
RONIT	1860.25	1832.11
SAAR	181.88	180.98
SAPIR	197.39	195.41
SAVON	978.08	958.82
SELA	183.29	179.69
SHAHAM	192.11	187.99
SHAKED	689.59(1)	675.89(1)
SHAMIR	806.81	790.93
SHAVIT	172.12	169.73
SHENHAV	386.76	381.18
SHESK	203.84	197.82
SHIRA	392.69	385.00
TAFIZ	277.62	272.11
TARSHISH	2691.90	2638.96
TE'ENA	253.33	252.86
TIDBAR	285.94	284.52
TIDOR	218.54	215.88
TOPAZ	1030.20	1008.42
TZABAR	460.82	449.78
TZAMERET		
TZANID	1341.93	1314.25
VERED	365.15	355.58
VARALOM	1387.06	1359.65
YESHODOT		
YEVUL	125.26	122.80
ZIV	201.46	197.46
ZUMAR	216.76	212.48

Hasneh b	1147	+12	+1.1
Hasneh r	3975	+200	+5.3
Phoenix 0.1 r	1310	n.c.	n.c.
Phoenix 0.5 r	840	+43	+5.1
Phoenix 1.0 r	1978	+20	+1.0
Yardenia 0.1 r	877	n.c.	n.c.
Yardenia 0.5 r	594	+15	+2.5
Sahar r	4200	+170	+4.2
Sahar prf	1555	+25	+1.6
Sahar prf A	730	+10	+1.4
Sahar prf B	1150	+10	+0.9
Sahar prf C	672	n.c.	n.c.
Sahar prf D	241	n.c.	n.c.

Delet r	2500	n.c.	n.c.
Delet prf	2360	n.c.	n.c.
Delet prf A	9020	+1000	+11.0
Delet prf B	329	n.c.	n.c.
Delet prf C	527	+20	+3.8
Delet prf D	393	+5	+1.3
Delet prf E	23100	+2100	+9.1
Delet prf F	14200	+1000	+7.0
Delet prf G	2510	+2410	+95.6
Delet prf H	882	+90	+10.2
Delet prf I	595	+7	+1.2
Delet prf J	762	+32	+4.2
Delet prf K	539	+7	+1.3
Delet prf L	354	+5	+1.4
Delet prf M	316	+24	+7.6
Delet prf N	1950	+170	+8.7
Delet prf O	1928	+178	+9.2
Delet prf P	1295	+85	+6.6
Delet prf Q	618	n.c.	n.c.
Delet prf R	433	+7	+1.6
Delet prf S	1475	+25	+1.7
Delet prf T	720	+2	+0.3
Delet prf U	492	+8	+1.6

Land Development Building, Citrus			
Oren	599	n.c.	n.c.
Oren prf	322	+18	+5.6
Oren prf A	617	+20	+3.2
Oren prf B	1095	n.c.	n.c.
Oren prf C	506	+50	+9.9
Oren prf D	11670	+210	+1.8
Oren prf E	5491	n.c.	n.c.
Oren prf F	9440	n.c.	n.c.
Oren prf G	1180	+15	+1.3
Oren prf H	690	n.c.	n.c.
Oren prf I	918	+8	+0.9
Oren prf J	655	+30	+4.6
Oren prf K	2877	n.c.	n.c.
Oren prf L	617	+20	+3.2
Oren prf M	2132	n.c.	n.c.
Oren prf N	14440	n.c.	n.c.
Oren prf O	6185	n.c.	n.c.
Oren prf P	500	n.c.	n.c.
Oren prf Q	4100	n.c.	n.c.
Oren prf R	1567	+20	+1.3
Oren prf S	321	+1	+0.3
Oren prf T	33900	+600	+1.7

Modul Beton	1330	+20	+1.5
Prop & Bldg r	2070	n.c.	n.c.
Prop & Bldg C	2480	+30	+1.2
Prop & Bldg D	1810	+30	+1.7
Prop & Bldg E	1040	n.c.	n.c.
Prop & Bldg F	700	+5	+0.7
Prop & Bldg G	600	n.c.	n.c.
Prop & Bldg H	1730	+25	+1.5
Prop & Bldg I	439	+19	+4.3
Prop & Bldg J	269	+12	+4.5
Prop & Bldg K	340	+5	+1.5
Prop & Bldg L	218	+8	+3.7
Prop & Bldg M	732	n.c.	n.c.
Prop & Bldg N	477	+11	+2.4
Prop & Bldg O	433	+1	+0.2
Prop & Bldg P	6400	n.c.	n.c.
Prop & Bldg Q	2259	+121	+5.3
Prop & Bldg R	3200	+58	+1.8
Prop & Bldg S	1640	n.c.	n.c.
Prop & Bldg T	1555	+75	+4.8
Prop & Bldg U	570	n.c.	n.c.
Prop & Bldg V	1043	+28	+2.7
Prop & Bldg W	349	+17	+4.9
Prop & Bldg X	25099	+2379	+9.5
Prop & Bldg Y	25916	+2356	+9.1

Alkol	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf A	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf B	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf C	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf D	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf E	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf F	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf G	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf H	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf I	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf J	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf K	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf L	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf M	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf N	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf O	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf P	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf Q	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf R	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf S	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf T	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf U	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf V	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf W	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf X	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf Y	399	+36	+9.0
Alkol prf Z	399	+36	+9.0

Change	% change	
+1.1	202.2	Alkol op 1
+5.3	9.1	Electra 0.1 r
—	93.8	Electra 0.5 r
—4.9	12.0	Electra op 3
—1.0	5.0	Elron 3
—	49.1	Argaman prf r
+2.6	.9	Argaman prf b
+4.2	50.6	Argaman r
—	—	Argamta b
—1.6	28.7	Ats B 1.0
+1.4	109.3	Ats C 0.1
—	—	Tadir Beton 1.0
+ .9	39.2	Tadir Beton 5.0
—	110.0	Tadir Beton op 1
—	280.6	Goldcross 1.0

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Habib's long tunnel

AFTER seven days of fierce exchanges of fire in West Beirut, with the embattled terrorists lately resorting to Grad missiles, a more powerful version of the Katyusha, and the Israeli forces pounding the terrorists more relentlessly than ever before, U.S. envoy Philip Habib secured agreement of both sides to a cease-fire due to have gone into effect last night. Should this hold, it will assist his continuing effort to devise a diplomatic way out of the crisis — by getting the PLO peacefully out of the Lebanese capital, and out of Lebanon.

On Tuesday, during his visit in Jerusalem, Mr. Habib obtained Israel's consent to refrain for a while longer from entering West Beirut in force, and thus to allow him to go on with his mission. Such consent had been given several times before, and it is likely to be given a few more times, so long as Mr. Habib does not throw in the towel and call it quits. But Mr. Habib, who enjoys President Reagan's full confidence, will not call it quits at this time, and Premier Begin has no real choice but to grant him another extension.

Mr. Habib appears, in fact, to be in a fairly optimistic mood. Until a few days ago his main problem was to discover Arab countries at all willing to take in the prospective PLO evacuees. There were no ready takers. The whole Arab world, once the seemingly willing host and passionate advocate of the PLO, appeared to have slammed the door in its face. Egypt, it is true, had offered to accept a PLO government-in-exile on its soil, and Syria had been willing to admit the PLO's top leadership. But the several thousand PLO terrorists, and their families, had virtually nowhere to go.

Now, for the first time, in the wake of his recent round of talks with Arab leaders, Mr. Habib professes to see a light at the end of the tunnel. Three Arab countries, he reported to Mr. Begin, had agreed in principle to take in the terrorists. These are Syria, Jordan and Egypt. At a later stage, the PLO men would be scattered farther afield, even to such countries as Iraq, Algeria and Libya. The list does not appear to include Sudan, which had indicated earlier this week its readiness to take all PLO terrorists willing to settle in it.

The immediate response from West Beirut to the good news from Khartoum was total, contemptuous rejection. The Sudanese offer was described as an American-inspired trick by President Numeiry. Sudan does not, of course, represent an especially promising base for future PLO operations. The same, however, goes for at least some of the countries proposed by Mr. Habib as havens for the PLO.

How the PLO will respond to Mr. Habib's own evacuation plan therefore remains to be seen.

The indications coming from West Beirut during the past two weeks have not been very encouraging. If earlier Yasser Arafat seemed anxious to drag out the negotiations in the hope of extracting better terms of surrender and withdrawal for his troops, more recently he has been transmitting signals that he does not mean to budge at all. One sign was his proposal to start talking evacuation with the Lebanese government only after an international force had come in as a wedge between his troops and the Israeli army.

Under such international protection the PLO could keep on negotiating for a very long time indeed.

This, then, is the question that Mr. Habib undertook to answer without delay: will the terrorists agree to move peacefully out of West Beirut, or won't they. If they won't, and have been using Mr. Habib only as a facade behind which they could keep digging in, then Mr. Habib's mission will have to be called off, and Israel's only remaining option would be the military.

The expectation — Mr. Habib's, at least — is obviously that it will be possible to persuade the PLO leaders that a peaceful departure from West Beirut is their own best bet.

A favorable answer from the PLO would not, however, be the end of the negotiating affair but only the "green light" for down-to-earth discussions on the mechanics of the terrorists' pullout. The discussions themselves might easily stretch over a few more weeks.

Muddled thinking

By GABRIEL SIVAN

THERE ARE many high-minded people in Israel who still believe that "direct negotiations" with Messrs. Arafat, Habash and Jibril will sort things out in Beirut, solve the "Palestinian problem" and achieve a lasting peace between Israel and the Arab world.

Our local idealists are ready to make all sorts of concessions if only the PLO and its supporters magnanimously grant us living space this side of the Jordan, and if they generously agree to permit Jews born or settled here before 1948 to stay put in *Falastin*.

And so, as Uri Avnery and Yasser Arafat exchanged smiles and confidences in West Beirut, as Israeli officials run around in circles wondering what to do, and as full-page advertisements by opposing groups fill our newspapers, the merchants of misinformation have been having a field day.

Why can't we just reconcile ourselves to the fact that we live in a crazy world and organize ourselves accordingly? Pope John Paul II, who fought in the Polish Resistance during World War II and who was shot recently by a member of the international terrorist fraternity, believes that the PLO's "honour" must be respected. French President Francois Mitterrand fears that we may convert Beirut into another Oradour. Senator Charles Percy, ignoring U.S. opinion polls, warns that Israel cannot fight on without losing what remains of its support in America. To say nothing of what Britain, Greece, India and the Soviet Union have to tell us on the subject...

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— undiplomatic and not calculated to win applause from the "Iron Lady" in 10 Downing Street. But the intrigues of years past perpetrated by the Colonial Office and Mandatory Government, which I thought were relevant to mention, are solidly documented and there is no secret about them these days.

Next, recalling my boyhood experience of the Nazi air raids on wartime Liverpool, I described how "we slept in cellars and underground shelters, awakening the next day to find entire streets obliterated, fires raging and bodies being dug out of the ruins."

"Such memories made one appreciate the feelings of those who had lost kinsfolk as a result of PLO outrages over the years, although a few among us seemed sensitive only to our own alleged shortcomings."

What was true of the Free World's war against Hitlerism — that civilian casualties are unavoidable — was also true of Israel's war against terrorism, "which the rest of the world seems incapable of pursuing effectively."

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yet I do not regard all Palestinian Arabs as irredeemable enemies, whatever their self-elected leaders may say about us. A place could be found in the Middle East for descendants of the 600,000 Arabs hoodwinked and victimized by the Mufti, the Arab League and the Arafats. Unreasonable hatred and frustration... have thwarted efforts to achieve a permanent *modus vivendi* in the Holy Land ever since 1948."

ABOUT THREE WEEKS after recording this talk, I was surprised to learn that it had been decided not to use the item. Why? The reason given was that "listeners overseas might gain the impression that such views represented the position adopted by the Israel Broadcasting Authority." This, I feel bound to point out, was a decision taken not by some heavy-handed Likud bureaucrat, but by a responsible IBA official. And I have yet to understand the motive for suppressing a legitimate and widely shared viewpoint expressed within the framework of a programme entitled "Personally Speaking."

After all, as a regular contributor to *Kol Yisrael* for some years, I have enjoyed excellent working relations with the IBA staff, so there can be no personal axe to grind. Furthermore, I had readily agreed to a few textual modifications before the talk was recorded. Finally, when a previous talk which I recorded in this series went on the air a year or two ago, no one then objected to my frank criticism of backwoodsmen in our rabbinate on the grounds that "listeners overseas might gain the impression that such views represented the position adopted by the Israel Broadcasting Authority."

A parting observation in the censored broadcast should have commended itself to any brand of Zionism:

"Here in Israel, contrary to what the mass media tend to suggest abroad, we don't spend our time worrying about the menaces that surround us. A fuller, better life is our main concern, the health and education of our children, cultural activities, sport and the blessings that technology can bring. We would like to share these preoccupations with our neighbours..."

"Yet if we had another million or two Jews living here, rather than in parts of the Diaspora where they have no meaningful Jewish future, how different this State of Israel would be."

Dry Bones



"Our enemies would then have less hope of destroying us, the risks and costs of war would be reduced, our national economy would be strengthened, and the quality of our life would be enhanced."

Was this thought also considered to be too dangerously one-sided and opinionated for broadcasting to Jewish listeners in the Diaspora?

NOW-IT'S TRUE that my credentials, in some people's eyes perhaps, leave much to be desired. I was once a card-carrying member of the British Labour Party, but here in Israel I follow no party line. I have an innate distrust of generals in politics, whatever their hue, and am similarly averse to anyone playing The Great Leader.

To my mind, too, very few of our yeshiva students are such geniuses that they deserve permanent exemption from any form of military service, and few religious girls would be corrupted by two years of *shervat leumi*. On the other hand, when did Uri Avnery, Charlie Bion and Yossi Sarid last don a uniform for prolonged *milutin*? And what about all those *yordim* who come back periodically for holidays with their Israeli relatives?

There are a few other points that might weigh against me. I don't sign

"liberal" manifestos, don't faithom the government's economic policy, have never been invited to join the American-Jewish lecture circuit and do not object to serving as a reservist across the Green Line.

Mind you, I have been devilishly discreet about some of my opinions. For instance, I consider (on the basis of close-hand observation) that Professor Yeshayahu Leibowitz is a mischievous old windbag who gets more than his fair share of publicity. And when I view that familiar mob milling around in Kikar Ma'achai Yisrael, demonstrating support for "academic freedom" and Birzeit University, or protesting against the chief of staff and our military objectives, I can't help recalling "Rantacrowd," that wonderful invention of *Private Eye* magazine.

So there the matter must rest. I have had my say about what appears to be the muddled thinking in our public media. Hopefully, someone in authority will now tell us where the line of legitimate expression is drawn, and by whom. It really would be a great service to this country if that someone would divest the IBA of its own impenetrable fog.

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READERS' LETTERS

FOR A FREE DEMOCRATIC LEBANON

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — The "wider" war in the Middle East that had been discounted by U.S. spokesmen on June 8 had become a reality by the following day. Armageddon in Lebanon began when Israeli columns brushed past UNIFIL forces in their drive toward Beirut to end the genocidal attacks on the Maronite Christian community in Lebanon, the defender of Christianity in the Middle East. It is natural and logical for Israel to aid their neighbours, an endangered people, with whom they share a common destiny.

Tragically, the Western nations and the Vatican have turned their backs on tiny and defenceless Lebanon, the only Christian nation in the Middle East and the last vestige of Christian culture and civilization in the area. Paralyzed by the effects of pragmatism and ruled by the oil imperative, Christian nations are allowing the cradle of Christianity to be decimated.

Israel, on the other hand, did not hesitate in showing its moral and material support for its neighbours to the north of the border.

However, in the mauling of the Palestinian and Syrian forces to "clean out" Palestinian positions and pockets of resistance, Lebanon is being incinerated. Many Assyrians in Lebanon, part of a Christian stateless minority in Iraq, have also perished side by side with their Lebanese brothers.

To be sure, the Israeli incursion into Lebanon was not only to rescue the Christian Lebanese, or the result of the vile attempt on the life of an Israeli ambassador. The extrication of the PLO as a political and military force in Lebanon is seen as the Israeli paramount objective.

A full-scale assault on West Beirut would decapitate the PLO, but would also mean the bloodbath of 600,000 non-combatants. The martyrdom of Beirut, first Arab capital overrun by Israeli military forces, would wreck any chance Israel has to live in peace with its neighbours, to be recognized as a state, behind secure boundaries.

An Israeli occupation of southern or other parts of Lebanon would also aggravate what is already a festering sore in the Middle East, assure more strife and undercut the U.S. role in the peace-making process. America's vital interests in the Middle East require stability as well as that the U.S. have more than one friend or ally in the region.

We should call not merely for a cease-fire, but for the permanent withdrawal of all foreign elements from Lebanon. That goes for the Syrians, the PLO, the Israelis and the UN. All of them must depart.

To mollify Israel, an effective non-Israeli force must be established in southern Lebanon to form a *cordon sanitaire* to hold the PLO back 25 miles from the Israeli border. Clearly, the UN in this peacekeeping force role is unacceptable, owing to the UNIFIL's past, abysmal performance.

Now there is an opportunity for the rebirth of Lebanon, its restoration to its former unity and independence, and for tranquillity on both sides of the Lebanese-Israeli frontier. A strong, democratic Lebanon can be reconstructed by the Christian community in communion with the Moslems there. More and more, Lebanon needs a strong president and a central government with sovereign authority to negotiate with Syria and Israel for withdrawal, subdue terrorist elements and ensure that power and economic opportunity are balanced among Christians and Sunni and Shi'ite Moslems — and not a dismembered country of hostile zones and enclaves and terrorist sanctuaries.

ZIA BUTROS, Chairman Assyrians for a Free Lebanon Chicago, Illinois.

PYRRHIC

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I feel that your readers should know that there has been a very significant shift of support away from Israel as a consequence of the Lebanese war. There is a growing feeling here that Israel has taken for granted automatic American support.

I think most Americans would welcome the end of the PLO, but at what cost? Even if Israel were to triumph over the PLO, there is a conviction here that it would be a pyrrhic victory.

Israel simply cannot afford this fearful loss of men. It is probable that the PLO would simply move to another country, regroup and rear. In the meanwhile, you will have lost much of the world and

CURTAIN-RAISER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — In his review of Leo Kuper's book, "Genocide," Mr. Zvieli writes: "that the first genocide of this century was the massacre of the Armenians by the Turks in 1915. Presumably he relies on the authority of the book."

If this is so, Mr. Kuper has overlooked the attempt to wipe out the Hereros in what was then German South West Africa (now Namibia) in 1904. Government forces under General von Trotha embarked on a deliberate extermination campaign against this people and, in a matter of months, reduced them from a population of 60,000 to 15,000 wretched refugees who had managed to escape over the border into British Bechuanaland.

It is surprising that Mr. Kuper, with his South African background, should have missed this curtain-raiser to the horrors of our time.

JOSHUA JACOBSON Herzliya.

SABBATH MEAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — In reply to Dvora Wayman's article of July 14, "The weak end — How awful, it's Friday." I would like to say that I wait all week for Fridays, but if my family were to eat the meals she so easily prepared, they would probably also wait. "How awful, it's Friday."

Whoever heard of a Sabbath meal with powdered chicken soup? Make it from a real chicken, then at least you have a good soup and a good meal. And who buys prepared kishke?

A Sabbath meal is one to look forward to. Not just another TV dinner.

JUDY HALPERN Jerusalem.

VICTORY

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RICHARD STINSON Tulsa, Oklahoma.

SCANDALOUS DISTURBANCES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — On July 13, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra gave its 10th concert at the Haifa Auditorium under the leadership of Maestro Zubin Mehta.

The parking lot of the Auditorium at 8 p.m. was a nightmare. There was nobody to direct the traffic or to advise the drivers that the parking lot was fully occupied.

During Itzhak Perlman's appearance, the orchestra had to stop the performance due to scandalous noise on the staircases, the result of discussions between teenagers.

May I suggest to the competent authorities in Haifa, either Police or Municipality, that they try to avoid a recurrence of such disturbances, which do not add anything to the good name of our city.

DOV MAYER Haifa.

POSTSCRIPTS

IN THE WHOLE Knesset building, there is only one water fountain," said the Alignment's Uri Sabag. "Where is it?" asked Prof. Shevah Weiss.

"On the fifth floor, near the elevator," was the reply.

Sabag was speaking in the recent debate on the Health Ministry budget, and he complained that Israelis are not sufficiently conscious of the importance of drinking a lot of water, especially during the summer.

In school buildings, he said, there is one water fountain for 98 pupils. When the kids get to school in the morning, there isn't time for all of them to drink and what generally happens is that only the older pupils get a chance.

Soft drinks, apart from being expensive, are not the answer, Sabag said. They either contain a lot of sugar, or a sugar substitute, neither of which is good for health. Not to mention the artificial colouring and the preservatives.

Sabag has submitted a private member's bill that would require the installation of water fountains in all public buildings. A.R.

ISRAELIS travelling as tourists abroad this year will be presented with an information booklet on the Peace for Galilee Operation. Prepared by the Government Information Centre, the booklet states that 60,000 Lebanese have returned to their homes during the first month of the operation after running away from terrorists during the Lebanese civil war. Called "Know How to Answer," the pamphlet's first edition was 200,000. The booklet goes on to say that there was no major interruption of civilian life. It also lists official Israeli statistics of dead and wounded, which are much smaller than numbers published by the foreign media. J.S.I.

A STRETCH of beach at Dor (Tantura), south of Haifa, was cleaned up by hundreds of enthusiastic volunteers in an eight-hour effort recently. The operation was organized by a group of 15 friends from Kiryat Tivon, led by Eli Hemed, who travel to Dor for recreation on Saturdays and camp there for 10 days every summer.

Seeing their beach buried under heaps of litter, the 15 men and their families arrived with a truck, rakes, shovels and a mimeographed message urging all bathers to join the operation.

Arriving at 9 a.m., the group distributed the message and plastic bags contributed by a nearby kibbutz, and set to work. Soon hundreds of bathers joined in, and in the course of the day about eight tons of litter were collected on a 1,500-metre-long stretch of beach. At 5 p.m. the beach was cleaner than anybody could remember it. Y.A.

JEWIS IN Iran are depending on *Kol Yisrael's* shortwave radio broadcasts as the only source of reliable news during the crisis in Lebanon, according to letters from Iranian Jews to the Broadcasting Authority. Hundreds of such letters have been received in Jerusalem in the past few weeks from Iranian Jews who say they can't believe what the government-owned Iran Radio is broadcasting. Albert Azar, director of *Kol Yisrael's* Persian-language broadcasts, has produced a Hebrew booklet with some of the letters.

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